



## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

### Fight by woman in childbirth tragedies

A WOMAN who lost 18 children through miscarriages and premature birth is planning to petition the Government to change the regulations around medical assistance for babies.

Kerry Hutchison, aged 33, from Tividale, had cervical cancer several years ago and said the treatments she underwent have made it difficult for her to carry children to term.

She wants parents to have the right to demand medical assistance for babies born before 24 weeks.

She said: "Here if you carry a child past 24 weeks then the hospital is obligated to help you because the child is considered 'viable'. However if the child is born before 24 weeks then there is no obligation because the hospital does not expect the child to live."

Medical guidelines, drawn up by the Nuffield Council, state that babies should not be given intensive care if they are born before 23 weeks. However, it is down to individual trusts to make the final call. The petition also calls for the Government to support research into a condition known as Pre-term Pre-labour Rupture of the Membrane, which is a premature breaking of the waters during pregnancy.

### Lady golfers help charity

GOLFERS from a club near Halesowen have got into the swing of bringing in more than £1,200 for charity.

The ladies section at Hagley Golf and Country Club collected £1,266 for Age UK Dudley's Staysafe Project after several events.

Club member Sheila Holyoak said: "There's only a small number of ladies who play at Hagley Golf and Country Club, in fact we could do with some more. But every year we select a charity which we can champion."

# COUNCIL TAX TO BE FROZEN

### COUNCIL tax is set to be frozen in both Dudley and Sandwell boroughs.

The move comes as both councils continue their battle to make savings amid major funding cuts.

Dudley Council is looking to keep the rates the same for the fifth year running. Leader Councillor Pete Lowe said the move followed 'prudence and early planning'.

The motion, if approved by fellow councillors, would mean the cost for an average Band D property remains at £1,283 a year.

Councillor Lowe said: "I am confident that we will continue to have the lowest council tax in the West Midlands."

"There are no plans to raise the council tax. Through efficiencies and workings within the council, about where we can drive out savings, we have been able to do this."

Councillor Lowe admitted there was a risk of further job losses over the next three years as the council attempts to save £27 million. He said: "Going into 2016/17 and 2017/18 there is always that risk of job losses."

### Fortunate

"But we have been very fortunate in Dudley because we have taken decisions quicker than many other authorities and we have been able to do things in a planned manner, so we have kept compulsory redundancies to absolute minimum."

This year the council was given £1,145,027 from the Government for its council tax freeze grant. It is predicted that if the council agree to a council tax freeze for 2015/16 the authority would receive £1,154,632 from the Government.

Charges are to be made by the Fire Authority and

Police and Crime Commissioner.

Among the savings outlined are cuts to street cleaning, which will see residents being encouraged to hold their own litter picks, and plans to shorten the collection period for green waste to save £100,000.

The council also plans to start turning some street lights off after midnight by 2016/17 to reduce energy bills by £100,000. Maintenance of parks will also be reduced to claw back £270,000.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper said he knew people were struggling as the cost of living and energy bills rise while their wages were not keeping up.

He added that council officials were doing all they could to protect frontline services in the face of cuts while not burdening families further.

Councillor Cooper said a motion for the council tax freeze will be discussed as that move would allow them to take a grant offered by the Government designed to offset the loss incurred through not imposing tax increases.

"I'd say it is very, very likely there will be a council tax freeze," Councillor Cooper added.

### Customers rallying around their pub



Campaigners Tim Haskey and Mike Shackleton outside The Haden Cross, Cradley Heath

CAMPAIGNERS are gearing up to fight plans to build a convenience store on the car park of a popular Cradley Heath pub.

Proposals for the Co-Operative store at the Haden Cross Inn in Halesowen have been lodged with Sandwell Council and will be considered in the coming weeks. The scheme would reduce parking spaces for pub-goers from 30 to five.

Chairman of the Friends of Haden Cross Inn group, Tim Haskey, thinks this would mean the end for the pub.

He said: "The first issue and the reason we are campaigning is to save the pub."

"But there is also the issue of health and safety. The pub is on a busy road and although this shop may not increase traffic it would increase the number of manoeuvres on and off the car park. It is an accident waiting to happen if there was to be a pub and a shop."

"A third issue is we just don't need another convenience store around here."

New River Retail, which owns the Haden Cross, said the proposals had been designed to help safeguard the future of the pub.

But more than 400 people have signed a petition against the plans and the friends group is working to get the pub recognised as an 'asset of community value'.

Mr Haskey believes it would be worthy of the title with its own football team and three darts teams.

### MP angry at axing of City Link depot jobs

MORE than 600 West Midlands workers were expected to lose their jobs in the collapse of City Link.

An MP has described plans to axe hundreds of jobs on New Year's Eve as 'appalling'.

Adrian Bailey, Labour MP for West Bromwich West, said he would be speaking to Business Secretary Vince Cable and urging him to do everything possible to mitigate the impact on workers.

According to unions, the workers affected include 56 at the Wednesbury depot in Leabrook Road North and 70 in Jameson Road, Birmingham, as well as 40 at the Staffordshire depot in Stone Business Park, Opal Way. There are 404 jobs at risk at the firm's Coventry headquarters and another 38 in Shrewsbury.

An Ernst and Young spokesman said: "The administrators are currently assessing the company and the status of existing orders. This process will have a bearing on the number of employees retained and those that unfortunately face redundancy in the next few days. It is anticipated that there will be substantial redundancies."

A small number of staff will be retained for up to three months to help the business wind down.

### Drink-drive 164 arrested

MORE than 160 people have been arrested for drink driving as part of a Christmas campaign.

West Midlands Police kicked off its festive drink and drug driving campaign on December 1, with 164 men and women pulled over and arrested as of December 29.

As part of this year's campaign every person charged with drink or drug driving is named on the force website for a week, in a bid to raise awareness.

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# Taxi robber is jailed for five years

A ROBBER who held a BB gun to a taxi driver's head and stole his takings has been jailed for five years. Aaron Taylor made terrified Man-deep Singh hand over about £120 and his mobile phone during the robbery in Rowley Regis.

The 23-year-old told Mr Singh to pull over while he got cash to pay the fare but then brandished the gun, pointing it at the driver's head.

The court heard Mr Singh was left fearing for his life and now was 'living in fear' each time he picked up a customer. Taylor, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, had ordered a taxi through Wednesbury-based Choice Cars at about 11.50pm on September 5 from Cagney's pub in West Bromwich to take him to Blackheath. But Taylor told him to pull over in Hanover Road.

Miss Heather Chamberlin, prosecuting, said Taylor bought the BB gun using his girlfriend's credit card and tried to use her as an alibi. After being charged he requested another interview and said a £42,000 debt had 'forced him into the robbery'.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, defending, said Taylor had been in 26 children's homes up to the age of 18.

Taylor was jailed for four years for robbery and one year for possession of an imitation firearm. He admitted both charges. Judge Michael Challinor said: "This robbery was planned and the fact you had an imitation firearm demonstrates that. The trauma suffered by Mr Singh cannot be overstated. He must have been terrified."

# Owners aim to breathe new life into market

**A NEW gym and food court could feature at a market in Cradley Heath as part of a revamp by its owners.**

Oyster Properties, a London-based firm, bought Cradley Heath market, on behalf of a group of investors after it went up for auction in October.

The purchase safeguarded the market's future, which had looked precarious after it had failed to sell when listed for £600,000.

## Peppa time for activity at centre

A NEW scheme to encourage children to get into physical activity has been launched at West Bromwich Leisure Centre.

The centre has been unveiled as one of six Places for People Leisure centres chosen to launch the brand new Move with Peppa programme.

Developed by tumuv and Entertainment One Licensing (eOne), Move with Peppa will transport youngsters into the magical world of Peppa where parents and children will experience the fun and joy of learning and loving to move.

Move with Peppa is a series of six-week programmes for two to four-year-olds, created using the stories from the award-winning episodes. Children in West Bromwich Leisure Centre will be the first to try the specially-created Peppa Steppa Dance routine and get the chance to immerse themselves in the magic of Peppa and her friends.

Each 45-minute session is designed to build motivation, physical confidence, coordination, balance and agility and will run at West Bromwich Leisure Centre from Tuesday January 20. To book a place, then go to [www.movewithpeppa.com](http://www.movewithpeppa.com)

Initial plans by the new owners to sell off 24 surrounding shop fronts have not yet finalised but the new owners are confident about the market's future.

Maintenance manager Dean Norton, who is originally from Kingswinford, said the company plans to keep the market running as a shopping precinct but wants to breathe new life into it.

Mr Norton added: "We have been put in charge of running the market which has been bought by a group of investors.

"It is a long term investment and these investors are looking to make things in the market better.

"The market will stay as a market, that is what I want to stress, there may be plans to sell off the surrounding shop fronts but the market will remain open."

The property firm will take on the majority of the work and management of the market on behalf of the investors, who have established a limited company to handle it, called Cradley Heath Development Ltd.

Although Oyster were the successful buyers of the market on behalf of the investors, they do not fully own it yet.

Mr Norton said: "We are hoping to fully own the market by the end of this year.

"We really do want to get the market back up to standard and make it a place where people actually want to go and shop."

## 17th century pub reopens



David and Natalie Clynshaw who have reopened The Bell and Bear in Rowley Regis

ONE of the oldest pubs in the Black Country has reopened after a refurbishment costing more than £200,000.

The Bell and Bear, in Rowley Regis, closed around five months ago but has been taken over by new owners. A six-week refurb has seen the pub being kitted out with new seating and tables, while the toilets and kitchen have also been renovated.

David Clynshaw, who is the new manager of the pub alongside his wife Natalie, aged 32, said it had been turned a neglected

building into a happy and warm place for customers and was already proving popular.

The 33-year-old, who lives at the pub in Gorsty Hill Road, said: "The pub dates back to 1601. It is one of the oldest pubs in the Black Country. Before that it was an old farmhouse. It had been neglected but, with Punch Taverns, we've done a massive refurb in six weeks."

He said the pub would also be serving traditional food from January 9 after finishing touches have been made to the kitchen.

# Shoppers can show loyalty with cards

BUSINESS chiefs in Halesowen are hoping the launch of a new card scheme will have shoppers showing their loyalty to the high street.

The scheme was being trialled in a handful of stores before Christmas before launching fully this month.

The loyalty card idea was the brainchild of the town's chamber of trade chairman Wayne Edwards, who is hoping to halt the slump in customer numbers. He said Halesowen town centre had suffered due to the online shopping boom and competition from Merry Hill.

Loyalty card users will be able to rack up points when shopping, which can be used to access discounts at other stores in the town centre.

Mr Edwards, who runs Less For Office Supplies and has a shop in Halesowen town centre called Less For Ink, said: "When a customer spends £100, it will give them £15 off, which will then go onto their card. This can be spent at other shops in the town centre. Money or points gained in my store can be used with the butcher. I will get a percentage of the transaction fee, then the butcher will get a percentage from the next sale and so on."

## Legion break poppy record

MEMBERS of the Royal British Legion said a big thank-you to people who helped them break a Poppy Appeal record this year.

In total, £13,521 was raised by the legion's Cradley branch, beating the total of just over £10,000 generated last year.

Money mainly came in from shoppers at Tesco Extra and Lidl in Cradley Heath. Schools and businesses also chipped in.

Branch secretary Harry Sturman said: "More people got poppies this year because of the First World War anniversary I think."

## Thriller on screen

THRILLER Before I Go To Sleep, based on a novel by Stourbridge author SJ Watson, will be screened at 1.30pm at Stourbridge Town Hall on January 19.

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## Rubbish lands man with £365 court bill

A MAN has landed a £365 court bill after waste from his home was found on land near to Cradley Town football ground.

The rubbish was spotted on land near to the football ground in Beeches View Avenue, Cradley, in May 2014. It was traced back to the address of Richard Cochrane, at Kingsway, Wollaston.

The 28-year-old admitted he had paid a friend £160 to take the waste for him, believing he would dispose of it properly.

Magistrates gave him a conditional discharge for six months and ordered him to pay £150 compensation as well as £200 towards the clean-up costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Dudley Council issued a stark warning to people to make sure they only employ a licensed waste carrier when arranging for rubbish to be removed.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "We work hard to keep this borough clean and tidy and thankfully, most people share this view and dispose of their waste properly. It is very important when people are getting rid of large amounts of rubbish that they get someone who is properly licensed to do it."

## Shooting at a family home

A MAN was shot in the stomach after three masked men burst into his home in Tipton and demanded money. Five other people, including a baby, were in the house at the time.

The 22-year-old man was taken to hospital following the shooting in Turton Road on December 19. None of the others in the house at the time of the attack were hurt. The raiders demanded money but left empty-handed.

Anyone with information can contact the investigators on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Smash hurts two

A WOMAN was cut free from her car and taken to hospital following a three-car smash in Dudley. A car, a van and a 4x4 collided near to the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton Road at about 5.50pm on December 19. The male van driver was also taken to hospital.

# Father-to-be was going too fast to avoid car



Ashley Silvester, aged 20

A FATHER-TO-Be died when his motorcycle crashed into a car as it pulled out of a junction, an inquest heard.

Investigators concluded Ashley Silvester, aged 20, of Wordsley, was unable to avoid contact with the silver BMW due to the speed he was travelling at.

Although they were unable to say how fast he was going in New Street, just yards from where he lived, they said CCTV footage had showed him travelling at excessive speed in the 30mph zone.

Mr Silvester was seen riding up New Street before turning around and going back in the opposite direction before the collision.

The BMW driver's view was obstructed by parked cars and, as he edged out of Manor Road, he collided with the motorcycle.

Mr Silvester was thrown from the bike and hit a nearby van. Senior coroner Zafar Saddique said it was the injuries caused by hitting the van which proved to be fatal.

He was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after the

crash at 7.20pm on July 5 but died four days later.

The former Ridgewood High School pupil had found out only weeks before that he was going to become a father. He worked at Furmanac in Kingswinford where he made mattresses.

A statement by forensic investigator PC Paul Robbins, which was read out at the inquest, said: "The motorcycle had right of way but the BMW slowly pulled out, which was reasonable in the circumstances. Had the motorcycle have been trav-

elling at a slower speed it is unlikely to have been an issue, both could have reacted to each other's presence."

Mr Saddique said: "Because of the excess speed Mr Silvester didn't have time to react, colliding with the vehicle."

He recorded a verdict of death as a result of a road traffic collision.

His girlfriend Olivia Taylor, said after Mr Silvester's death: "He was so looking forward to the birth of his child. He was so excited."

# Bid to move footpath to improve school's security

A FOOTPATH cutting through the grounds of a Halesowen secondary school is set to be closed under plans to protect pupils and staff.

Earls High School wants to divert the path around the grounds, adding 320ft to its distance, claiming the track is a 'security hazard' due to people loitering.

## Man, 60, is rescued at beauty spot

A MAN had to be rescued by paramedics from Kinver Edge after suffering a 'medical incident'.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to a wooded location on Saturday afternoon. Spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "Crews were called to reports of a man, believed to be in his 60s, who had collapsed on a hillside after suffering a medical incident."

"It is unknown how long the man had been on the hillside for but the Community First Responder in attendance quickly began assessing the man and started the rearming process as he was suffering from hypothermia."

"Due to the man's difficult location, the Hazardous Area Response Team decided to utilise their six-wheel drive Polaris vehicle to get near the patient."

"Once his condition had been stabilised, they were able to use the same vehicle to transport the man off the hillside and to the awaiting ambulance, in which he was taken to Russells Hall Hospital for further assessment."

The current path runs from Melbourne Road to Furnace Lane. The proposal would divert it from Melbourne Lane.

School governor Jeff Hill said: "The footpath runs through the middle of the school grounds and that raises concerns for the safety of students and staff at the school. The idea is that by moving the path, the safety can be improved without causing significant inconvenience to members of the public who use it."

Having unveiled proposals and consulted with nearby residents, the scheme has been put to Dudley Council which now plans to apply to the Magistrates Court under the Highways Act to change the route.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for transport, said: "The plan has been put forward as the school has raised concern over the vulnerability of children. They have come up with an alternative footpath."

"I understand their concerns, we ultimately have a responsibility to protect children in education."

The council also says the diversion would mean people using the current path could avoid steep steps leading from Furnace Lane.

The new path will also be surfaced and appropriately lit.

## Student Zara has designs on bike safety



Zara Richards with Simon Strong, manager at Halfords Merry Hill, and fellow pupils from St Mary's Primary

A STUDENT has won a UK-wide competition to design a bike helmet.

Zara Richards, from Quarry Bank, a pupil at Thorns Community College, saw off fierce competition in a search by bike shop Halfords.

They were looking to find the best designed helmets that incorporated safety, innovation and creative flair.

The competition, which was part of Halfords' summer Gear Up workshops, aimed to encourage and give more than 12,000 pupils in their final years of primary school independ-

ence to cycle to their new school. It was Zara's captivating design, which featured built-in night vision goggles and an air conditioning system, that saw her chosen as one of the regional winners.

Zara, aged 11, who was a pupil at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Brierley Hill when she entered the competition, won a bike and cycle accessories, as well as helmets for other pupils.

She said: "I am delighted to have a brand new bike from Halfords and I

cannot wait to start riding it. I really enjoyed designing the helmet. It was great fun and it made me realise that I have a hidden talent."

Community and CSR manager at Halfords, Emma Thomas, said: "It was great to see all of the creative designs that all of the pupils came up with for their helmets for the future. Our panel of judges had their work cut out to decide the winner."

During the workshops pupils learned about the basics of bike maintenance and safety from Halfords.

## Car park scheme ready to progress

A NEW multi-storey car park for Dudley is still on the cards, with a planning application to be lodged within months.

Dudley Council first unveiled plans for the 250-space car park in Tower Street last March and now transport cabinet member, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said a planning application was due to be submitted next month. He explained delays to the scheme had been caused by groundwork at the site where designers were considering whether to make one level underground.

## More are in work across the district

THERE has been a drop in the jobless figure in Dudley thanks to pre-Christmas work in stores and at delivery companies.

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in the district fell by 389 on the previous month's figure, down to 5,880, figures from the Office for National Statistics reveal.

Across the West Midlands as a whole, unemployment fell by 14,000 to 187,000 between August and October.

## One in five were speeding in Lye

ONE in five motorists were caught speeding on a road in Lye during a recent police operation.

Officers used a camera to monitor the speed of 72 vehicles in Bagley's Road at the junction of Waterfall Road in November.

A total of 58 motorists were driving within the 30 mph limit but 14 were found speeding.

Police say appropriate action was taken.

## Person cut free from car in crash

A PERSON was cut free from a car and taken to hospital following a two-car smash in Dudley.

Fire crews were called to Limepit Lane just after 5pm on December 21.

Three people had managed to get out of the vehicles before crews arrived but one person was assisted by firefighters and taken to Russells Hall Hospital.

## From pub to pizza

PLANS to convert a Dudley pub into a pizza takeaway have been lodged.

The proposals for The Struggling Man in Salop Street have been submitted to Dudley Council by Papa Johns.

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THE most important thing, declared one earnest radio reporter, was not to make any assumptions in the early stages of the hostage crisis. There seemed a desperate, politically-correct desire to avoid mentioning Muslims or Islamic terrorism. But when a wild-eyed bearded man with a black bandana unfurls a black flag covered with Islamist slogans in Sydney, I think we can safely assume it's not Ned Kelly.

ON several occasions the TV cameras had a clear view of Man Haron Monis. Police snipers could presumably have had the same view. The civilised Western response to such incidents is to avoid using force until mass murder seems imminent. Maybe it's time for a new strategy: if you have a clear shot, take it.

IN the aftermath, poor Australia should not be beating itself up over why a deranged Islamist with a string of convictions was at liberty. There is only one perfect, proven system for spotting lone loonies doing something manic. It is called hindsight.

OUT walking, we stopped at the local corner shop for some traditional sweets to keep the chill at bay. Back in pre-decimal times did any of us, in our wildest dreams, imagine that one day we would pay 12 shillings for a bag of herbal tablets? More horrors of inflation. At an English Heritage shop I found a penny whistle for £15.

GEORGE Osborne has missed a trick. The price of oil is tumbling and looks like staying low for many months to come. If the Chancellor had slapped 2p on a litre at a time like this, motorists would hardly have noticed. Osborne could have slipped a few billion into the nation's coffers with virtually no pain. (Keep this to yourselves, right?)

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# Hospital bed blocking at high cost to the NHS

**BED blocking is costing the NHS in Dudley around £145,000 a month with patients well enough to leave hospital taking up beds.**

Health bosses are taking action to tackle the problem and reduce the delays for people waiting to be transferred to a care home. Bed blocking occurs when patients, often elderly, have to stay in hospital despite being fit to be discharged because they are not well enough to return home and there is nowhere else for them to go.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) says at times there are up to 30 patients who are well enough to leave but have nowhere to go as arrangements have not been made.

Most patients were able to return home under the care of their GP and with the support of family and friends. But there are those who need to go to a residential or nursing home and this is when there is a likely to be delay because of assessments and the need to find places.

The total cost to the CCG for is estimated to be £145,228 a month — £1,742,736 a year. In September, there were 29 patients in Dudley who faced a delayed 'transfer of care' compared with 23 in Wolverhampton and 17 in Walsall.

Dudley CCG chief accountable officer Paul Maubach said work was taking place to reduce delays and to prevent people who could be treated in the

**By Heather Large**

community being admitted to hospital in the first place.

He said: "Typically each month, in excess of £140,000 of NHS money is spent on patients being in hospital beds who are medically fit to leave. This is just the financial cost, there are other issues to consider, including the experience for the patients and their families; and the additional pressure to services.

"There are many reasons for these delays. It requires the cooperation between health and social care, between hospital and community staff, and between the services and patients and their families to resolve all of the issues.

"We have worked with partners at the hospital and in social care to agree actions which improve services so that discharges can take place in a more timely fashion."

## Police seek man after theft



The man police want to speak to after a number plates theft

POLICE have released this image of a man they want to speak to after an 'unusual' theft from a car parked at a Black Country railway station.

The front and rear number plates were stolen from the car parked at Cradley Heath railway station last month.

The plates were taken from a grey Jaguar at the station car park on December 1.

### Unusual

Pc Rob Collins explained: "The victim parked his grey Jaguar XJ car in the station car park on the morning of December 1 but when he returned later the same day, he noticed the plates had been removed from his vehicle.

"This is an unusual crime and my concern is that someone may be using the plate illegally on another vehicle.

"The registration number is LS02 WVJ."

Anyone with information about the theft is urged to call the police on 0800 40 50 40.

## 2,000 families face being homeless

ALMOST 2,500 households across Dudley lost their homes or had been at risk of becoming homeless over 12 months.

Calls to Dudley Council's help line soared with the homelessness service receiving 2,400 referrals in 2013/14. The mortgage arrears advice service in Dudley received 355 calls to help families, up from 185, in 2012.

Councillor Alan Finch, who represents Castle and Priory, said: "The economic situation is creating the homelessness issues and referrals.

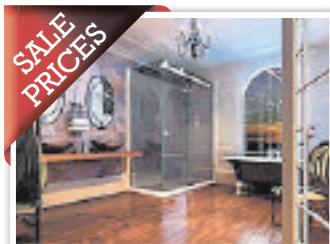
"In Dudley they are saying we have plenty of work but in my surgeries I see these people and they say there are no jobs.

"It is getting harder and harder to help these people because even the services which are supposed to help them are being cut.

"These are not people on benefits but hard workers who have never taken a handout in their life, which is why they end up on the streets."

According to the council, just over 1,400 of the referrals were for families who were not homeless but 'at risk'. Just under 400 cases of actual homelessness were dealt with and 150 others who had already lost their homes were owed a re-housing duty.

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## Dog care is costing Sandwell £300 a day

SANDWELL Council is spending almost £300 a day on dealing with stray dogs, new figures reveal.

The authority spent £104,478 on dealing with strays over the last financial year. The council pays Sero to pick up the dogs and take them to kennels more than 40 miles away.

The kennels, City Dogs Home in Bucknall, near Stoke-on-Trent, charges the council around £60 to £70 for a week's stay before the kennel takes responsibility of the animal. Half of the dogs, however, get claimed by their owners, who pay a £25 fee to the council and a £10 a day charge to the kennels. The council expects to spend £105,880 in the last year dealing with dogs.

Denise Broadman, a member of the Dog Rescue Federation, said: "The council is spending a lot of money. But the problem lies not with the councils but the issue of dog breeding in this country. We need to see legislation which stops the breeding of dogs where there is no demand for them. It is this which leaves us in the situation of abandoned dogs left on the streets."

The Dogs Trust said 18,798 abandoned and stray dogs were picked up across the Midlands in the last financial year. Of these, 1,396 were put to sleep due to being in a poor condition or behavioural problems.

# New footpaths are part of park improvement project

**A £70,000 project to create a series of new footpaths through a Cradley park has been announced.**

The work will be carried out at Homer Hill Park to improve access for its many visitors.

The five new paths will be made in or around the perimeter of the park and will join up with the existing network of walking routes.

Dudley Council says it will mean the majority of the park will be accessible to visitors via a surfaced pedestrian route.

Council leader Pete Lowe said: "As part of the Homer Hill Park Master Plan, the construction of five new paths in or around the perimeter of Homer Hill Park are considered essential enhancements that will extend the existing footpath network to enable the majority of the park to be easily accessed via a surfaced pedestrian route."

### Lodge

Some of the cash for the first four paths has come from the sale of the former crematorium lodge in Chase Road, Lower Gornal.

The final path will be added at a later date when funding for the work has been found.

The council said the new paths would benefit visitors along with elderly residents of The Limes, an £18 million retirement village

**By Heather Large**

being built near the edge of the park by Midland Heart, which is due to open in March.

The development which will have 120 apartments, is being built on the main part of the old Cradley High School site.

A separate development of nine new homes will also be built on the northern part of the site.

The retirement village proposals have proven controversial with members of the Friends of Homer Hill Park who feared it would deter visitors to the park because of extra traffic.

More than 2,000 people signed a petition against the plans.

The Friends group has been working to make improvements to the park have been carried out by members of the Friends of Homer Hill Park during recent years.

## Two new buses added to community fleet



Minibus driver John Hale with service users Daphne Cunningham and Wilemina Gayle and Dudley Council's Joanne Prescott

SANDWELL community transport have welcomed two new minibuses to add to their growing collection.

The two new Peugeot Boxer minibuses, which are based at the main depot in Great Bridge were donated by Sandwell Council earlier this year.

Each of the buses has a capacity of 16 seats as well as space for three wheelchairs.

The buses will be used for providing group travel for voluntary and community groups within the Black Country.

Operations manager at Community Transport for the West Midlands, Liz Sutton, said: "With the addition of these modern buses to our existing fleet of 21 buses we will now be able to provide more affordable, convenient and safe travel for our local community."

The buses are available to hire for single trips or for regular hiring with an option of hiring a driver or on a self-drive basis. Community transport is a national charity and social enterprise dedicated to promoting social inclusion.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### More flights to Delhi and Amritsar

AIR India are gearing up for major expansion of their services from Birmingham Airport, starting daily flights between Birmingham, Delhi and Amritsar using Boeing's new Dreamliner aircraft.

And Thomas Cook Airlines has just received the first of its new Airbus jets that will be carrying passengers from Birmingham to holiday destinations around the Mediterranean this year. The new A321s will replace Thomas Cook's fleet of Boeing 757s.

Thomas Cook will be offering new services to Mytilene on the Greek island of Lesbos, Kalamata in Greece and Djerba in Tunisia as well as to Paphos in Cyprus. The airline will also offer daily flights to Dalaman in Turkey.

#### Free sports offer at youth centre

FREE sports sessions are on offer for young people in Sandwell thanks to a new scheme being launched this month.

Ready for Sport will provide weekly activities including basketball, football and dance training for young people at Jubilee Youth Centre in Tipton.

As part of the scheme young people will be asked to what sports they want to take up, which days of the week they want to do them and for 30 youngsters there will be the chance to complete leadership qualifications.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

ANOTHER Christmas, and more angry customers finding that the 'Winter Wonderland' theme parks do not quite live up to expectations.

Laurence Lewelwyn-Bowen found himself subject to the ire of an army of angry mothers after his Magical Journey in Sutton Coldfield turned out to be more grotty than grotto. Not only was Santa handing out duff presents, his elves were too busy puffing away on cigarettes to bother wrapping them up. And that was when they were not called into action to push the magical mystery train up the hill every time it broke down.

Still, it could have been worse. They could have gone to the Yorkshire Winter Wonderland which, judging from the pictures, looked more like an abandoned POW camp with a few tailors' dummies thrown in to lighten the mood.

Unsurprisingly, both attractions have closed, leaving behind a number of angry customers, but you have to wonder what people really expect. As with all of these attractions, customers are asked to buy into a fantasy land in a far-off corner of the universe that does not really exist. Do they really think it is going to be created in temporary exhibition at a golf course in the West Midlands, or an exhibition hall in Harrogate, for £22.50 a head? Old Laurence really should have known better than getting involved.

The thing is, children can often take pleasure in the simplest of things, and there really is no need to splash out on some overblown commercialised mini-theme park to keep them entertained over Christmas.

But, of course, it is far harder to please the overgrown children, the adults. No wonder cynical companies, with an eye on the bottom line, try to exploit these child-like yearnings. And no wonder it always ends in tears.

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MIND you, while I'm all for looking back at the days when Christmas was a simpler, less commercial affair, I do think the main television companies might be taking things a bit far this Christmas.

Look, I've got nothing against repeats, even if I do think the ubiquitous showings of Morecambe & Wise, or Only Fools and Horses, are overdone, and whisper it quietly, a bit over-rated. Eric and Ernie were okay, but give me Mike Yarwood anyday.

But this year Channel Five is truly distinguishing itself, with Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up — from 1982 — forming the centrepiece of its prime-time Christmas Day schedule. And they're not just showing it once. If, for some reason, you find yourself washing your hair on Christmas night, they are repeating it again on Sunday.

A repeat of a repeat, then. And let's face it, one that wasn't much cop Long, Long Ago.



Steve breeds bullfinches in his spare time



Hotworker Alan Hale with his baby daughter Evie



Shaun's hobby is rockabilly music

# Hammering home a different side

These are metal workers but not as you know them as an exhibition illustrates. CHARLIE BENTON reports

**FROM breeding bullfinches to rock climbing – the private lives of metal workers of the Black Country are being explored in a new exhibition.**

Artist Luke Perry has got behind the camera to show a different side to some of the people helping to keep the region's industrial heritage alive.

The Behind the Hammer exhibition has been created as part of the Black Country Echoes festival and focuses on hot-workers and chainmakers at Solid Swivel, based in Cradley Heath.

Mr Perry said: "I am traditionally a public monument sculptor, that is what I am known for, but when Black Country Echoes approached me for this piece they were very loose in their brief.

## Contrasts

"They wanted something that explored Solid Swivel as a company, but they said I should just do it in a way that I find interesting.

Mr Perry, who admits he had not done much photography at all since university, decided it was the best way to convey the lives of the metalworkers.

The photographic pieces, which were hung on the library carousels, each use one of the workers at the company as a subject, but contrasts their private lives at home with their work.

He explained: "There is an opinion from people that if you work in a factory that is kind of all you do – as in you go off to work, you hit something with a hammer and then you go back home again, and there is no depth.

"I have seen the other side of it now



Photographer Luke Perry has an exhibition of some of his work

and a lot of these people go home and they are botanists or they speak multiple languages, and they have great depths of personality and that is something I have always wanted to explore in a project.

"Public artwork, big sculptures and such, don't really lend themselves to a matter as intimate as that whereas photography does."

Mr Perry is the son of Graham Perry, the managing director of Solid Swivel, who also features in the exhibition.

The Solid Swivel company has been

home. All of the materials used to create the prints, from the paper to the metal used in the frames, were found in the Black Country.

Mr Perry said although some of the metal workers were unsure of being involved originally, they were very accommodating.

"All of them were a little nervous about having their photos taken but they were very trusting and kind," Mr Perry said.

"Their jobs require a lot of concentration, which meant they could not focus on what I was doing too much anyway which was very helpful. A lot of them were very welcoming, inviting me to their house, they were very kind."

Mr Perry said people who visit the exhibition will be surprised by the contrasting lives of the workers featured.

"One of the subjects, Alan, is a hot-worker, so his job requires a great deal of physical strength, but outside of work he is a dad of three, a very sensitive father, and it is all very lovely to watch.

## Delicate

"Alan also makes these very delicate little cakes. A lot of people might think that forgers come into work, then go home to walk their Staffordshire Bull Terriers and drink, and that is just not what it is like – he is a very modern man in many ways.

"Steve, a chainmaker, is another subject. His work is so hot and dangerous and he uses huge 40-ton presses, and then he goes home and he breeds bullfinches.

"When you go into the aviary you have to be so quiet and calm and subtle in the way you measure out the liquids. All of the subjects are surprising.

"My father was the most surprising though, to look at him now you wouldn't think he was a mountaineer."

The exhibition will remain at Cradley Heath Library for several months.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THE picture of David Cameron flanked by the Chelsea Pensioners on the front of his greeting card was not exactly something that screamed 'It's Christmas', Noddy Holder style.

What it did attempt to convey was a sense of British pride. If there was a subtle hint in there for next year it might be that he wants everyone to think he's the one with whom Britain and all its great institutions are safe rather than Ed Miliband.

Certainly he is trying to ram home the message that a vote for UKIP would just let Labour back into Downing Street.

That message doesn't seem to have come up to the Black Country; or if it has people seem perfectly happy with that.

A poll by Tory peer Lord Ashcroft made for bleak reading for the Conservatives as it showed them in a distant third place in Dudley North. The seat is one of the key marginals the Tories failed to win in 2010 when they ended up having to settle for a coalition with the Lib Dems.

So on the one hand, David Cameron's argument that voting UKIP just lets Labour in makes sense. If we were to do as Labour wants, which is to just see UKIP as 'more Tory than the Tories', then the polls suggest support for the two parties added together would be greater than Labour.

## Difference

As a result, people voting UKIP would get the absolute opposite of what they want – a party that doesn't want a referendum on the EU. The argument does not hold water though.

Sitting Labour MP Ian Austin does want a referendum and will tell anyone who asks him so. Also, UKIP loves to point out it takes votes off Labour as well. But it's more than that.

UKIP has made little secret of the view that it does not see any difference between the Tories and Labour. Deputy leader Paul Nuttall calls them 'two cheeks on the same backside' while Nigel Farage has said he'd 'cut a deal with the devil' in return for the referendum. In short 'vote UKIP get Miliband' means nothing to them.

UKIP will be quite happy getting some MPs elected and then making various demands in return for their support on key votes. Britain does not do presidential elections like the US, however much Tony Blair might have liked it if we did.

When people go to the polls in May they are not voting for a choice between Cameron, Miliband, Clegg, Farage or Howling Laud Hope of the Monster Raving Loony Party.

They are choosing their local MP. Of course that's always been the case. It just seemed a little less so when it was a straight choice between one party or the other.

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# X Factor star is to lead choirs at huge concert



Children from Cradley Heath and Lichfield are seen at a previous Young Voices choral concert at Birmingham

X Factor runner-up **Lucy Spraggan** will bring her guitar to Birmingham in January as part of the 2015 Young Voices tour.

The star will perform with a choir made up of 7,000 children from schools across the Black Country and Birmingham as part of a national tour, with a total of 120,000 youngsters joining in across the country.

Miss Spraggan, who appeared on the 2012 series of the show after blowing the judges away with her 'folk-hop'

song *Beer Fear*, said: "It is nothing like anything I've done before. I have wanted to get involved with something like this for a while, ever since I performed with another choir at a show at the Albert Hall."

The annual event began 17 years ago and former acts taking part include Alexandra Burke and Stacey Solomon. The tour will start on January 12 in Birmingham at the LG Arena for five nights before moving on to the Sheffield Motorpoint, London 02 and ending at the Manchester Phones4U Arena in March.



Lucy Spraggan on The X Factor

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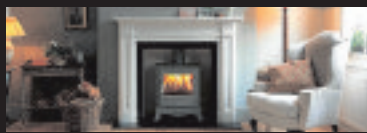


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# School's national award for anti-bully campaign



Head Neil Shaw and Year 7 Pastoral Manager Rupert Hannibal with Leasowes Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

**PUPILS** and staff at a Halesowen secondary school have been presented with two awards in recognition of their stance against bullying.

Leasowes High School in Halesowen is the first in the Dudley borough and surrounding area to receive the national awards from the Bullying Intervention Group, known as BIG.

The first award is the 'Dudley School's Anti-Bullying Pledge', which requires schools to meet specific criteria in their anti-bullying work.

The second award is the recognition

for Leasowes 'Excellence in Challenging Bullying'.

Rupert Hannibal, is responsible for the pastoral care of the schools year seven students, leading on the anti-bullying strategies in the school.

He said: "I am very proud of the schools effective stance against bullying. Leasowes is a school that does not ignore the fact that bullying can be a concern for students and their parents, especially when it comes to choosing a secondary school."

"Our students and their parents give us great feedback on how the pupils feel safe in school and how staff

are quick deal with bullying concerns. We thought it was about time that we go recognition for the work that we do and most importantly the work pupils do themselves.

Leasowes has worked hard to promote a safe environment. The school have a strong pastoral team working alongside peer mentors and school prefects.

The whole school community also signs up to the Anti-Bullying pledge and there is also a lunch-break club called 'The Hub' where students can meet and talk with peer mentors in a peaceful and calm environment.

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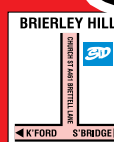
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Budding young author Jake Crowley has written ghost stories and poems based on Midlands folklore

A WRITER from Halesowen is using his creative flair to help youngsters as a charity volunteer.

University of Worcester graduate Jake Crowley, 22, who studied English literary studies and screenwriting, has been working with Writing West Midlands's Write On! squad for young people, as well as assisting at Birmingham Literary Festival. He has recently finished a selection of short Gothic and ghost stories as well as a poem based on myths and legends of the West Midlands.

He said: "The Write On! squad is aimed at those aged 6-15. We do writing workshops and develop their skills. I help out at the Birmingham branch on the first Saturday of every month and find it very rewarding to be able to help other young authors."

"There is not enough creative writing taught in schools and colleges, so this club gives those interested in learning more that extra opportunity. In addition, I have had the opportunity to work with many professional writers, which has really helped to develop my own skills"

# Four new bus routes to link with Merry Hill

**BUS routes will be launched for passengers in Old Hill and Cradley including one that will restore part of a service controversially axed.**

Centro says the new services which launch this month will take passengers to Merry Hill shopping centre, Halesowen town centre and Blackheath. One of the four new routes will replace part of the old 297 service in Cradley and Old Hill, travelling through Station Road and Barrs Road. The 297 was stopped by National Express West Midlands in the summer, sparking a campaign to restore the service which ran through Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Quarry Bank to Russells Hall Hospital.

By Heather Large

The new routes will be subsidised by Centro, operated by Arriva Buses and iGO. The No 12 will run from Merry Hill bus station to Blackheath via Dunns Bank, Colley Gate and Old Hill. No 13 will operate from Merry Hill to Halesowen via Dunns Bank, Fatherless Barn and Colley Gate. No 14 will serve Brierley Hill High Street, Merry Hill, Dunns Bank, Cradley Heath via Forge Lane, and Fatherless Barn via Banner Lane. No 17 will run from Merry Hill to Halesowen via Coppice Lane, Cradley Heath High Street, Timbertree, Belle Vale and Huntingtree Road.

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## Tributes paid to MEP Bradbourn



MEP Philip Bradbourn

TRIBUTES have flooded in for West Midlands Conservative MEP Philip Bradbourn who has died aged 63.

The MEP, who was born in Tipton, had been diagnosed with bowel cancer earlier this year.

He was re-elected to his position in May, prior to his diagnosis and continued to remain politically active.

Politicians have paid tribute to Mr Bradbourn, including Prime Minister David Cameron, who said he 'showed great passion in serving both the party and his constituents.'

Born in 1951, Mr Bradbourn was educated at Tipton Grammar School and then at Wulfrun College and Worcester College.

He joined the Conservatives in 1969 and had been a town planning officer in local government for more than 20 years before becoming an adviser to the Conservative group on Wolverhampton City Council.

In 1994, he was awarded an OBE for public and political service.

# Acid attack victim Vikki now wants a fresh start

**A YOUNG woman left scarred by an acid attack wants to make a fresh start away from the Black Country. Vikki Horsman spent five days in intensive care and required months of treatment.**

The horrific attack was planned by her ex-lover Mohammed Rafiq. The 80-year-old, who was old enough to be her great-grandfather, paid Steven Holmes and Shannon Heaps to throw the sulphuric acid over her as she answered a front door in Tividale.

The three men were jailed for a combined total of 44 years for their roles in the attack, which took place in MacDonald Close on April 15 this year. During the hearing, Mr Nigel Stelling, prosecuting, referred to a witness impact statement made by Miss Horsman, who was aged 19 at the time of the assault.

He said: "She says this has an ongoing effect on her. It has undermined her confidence."

## Erase

"She speaks of wanting to make a fresh start away from the area so she doesn't feel she has to constantly look over her shoulder."

Miss Horsman met Rafiq when she was 14. They later began a sexual relationship and he pressured her to convert to Islam and change her name to Aleena Rafiq. But after she split from him, Rafiq began taking measures to bring her under his control. He broke in and took pictures of condoms in her bedroom drawer and threatened to show them to a friend in an attempt to blackmail her. But when this did not work, Judge Nicholas Webb described how Rafiq turned to a 'more drastic course'. Rafiq ordered the attack. He left acid outside the house in MacDonald Close and drove Holmes and Heaps to near the

## Report by Alex Ross

address. Rafiq drove on alone to the house to check Miss Horsman was inside. He played the part of a victim to police after suffering minor burns from the acid himself. Sentencing Rafiq, of Cheshire Road in Smethwick, Judge Webb said: "You are dangerous, you have influenced a number of much younger persons - you must have a cruel personality to want to arrange such an attack."

Holmes, 25, of Allan Close, Smethwick, was described as 'callous and lacking in true remorse' by the judge, who accepted Heaps, 23, of Queens Avenue, Tividale, played a lesser role. Holmes was sentenced to 14 years and Heaps, 12.

They and Rafiq had all been found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

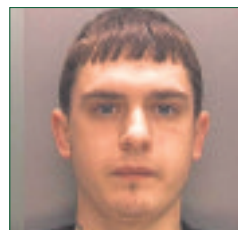
"You, Holmes, actually threw the acid. You did that for £50 five to six days after release from prison for a much less serious matter." A fourth defendant, Ceri Parkes, 26, of Westfield Road, Smethwick, was jailed for 12 months for perverting the course of justice. Her false statement led to three innocent people being arrested by police.



DC Jason Moseley, victim Vikki Horsman and DS Indi Basra outside the Wolverhampton court



Steven Holmes, aged 25



12 years - Shannon Heaps



Mohammed Rafiq, aged 80

## £16m due to pay for repairs of potholes

MORE than £16 million is heading to Sandwell to fund road maintenance projects and tackle the growing problem of potholes, it has been revealed.

The Government allocated the money as part of a £6 billion fund for local authorities across the country.

The money will be spent over the next six years. Meanwhile, the Highways Agency has said 156 schemes will be halted over Christmas and New Year to help ease congestion on the roads. A succession of severe winters and the devastating floods earlier this year have left councils playing catch-up with road maintenance and potholes.

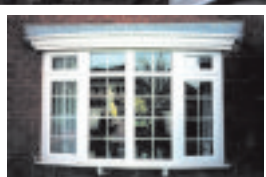
Sandwell Council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, welcomed the cash injection which totals £16.8m.

"I think that we do pretty well in Sandwell for the state of our roads," he said.

"Any extra money they give us from central government has got to be beneficial. It means that the money that we were potentially going to be allocating towards this will be able to be re-allocated to other areas."

Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin said: "The £512 million I am announcing for the West Midlands will put an end to short-term fixes and will mean we have committed £10 billion between 2010 and 2021."

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Rock trio America during their time at the Dudley venue



U2 were another major band to play at JB's



Chrissie Hynde of The Pretenders on the club's stage



Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant on stage at JB's in Dudley



Thin Lizzy frontman Phil Lynott during his band's concert

# New chapter in history of legendary nightclub

**FOR generations of Black Country folk, it was the place to be to catch the very latest up-and-coming band.**

It has played host to U2, Thin Lizzy and The Stone Roses – as well as helping launch the career of Britpop's Blur.

Now anecdotes from throughout the history of the iconic JB's night-spot have been brought to book by Wollaston author Geoff Tristram in 'JB's: The Story of Dudley's Legendary Live Music Venue.'

The club, owned by former motorcycle speedway rider Sam Jukes, first opened in 1969 in the former home stadium of Dudley Town FC before moving to larger premises on King Street and Castle Hill.

Named after local DJ John Bryant, it remained in operation for more than 40 years, with other big-name artists gracing the stage including Robert Plant, UB40, The Police, Manic Street Preachers, Skunk Anansie and Judas Priest.

## MEMORY LANE

By Charlie Benton

Geoff, a musician who performed at the club in the 70s, was approached by Mr Jukes, who was keen to record the JB's story.

He said: "My main profession is cartoonist. This was completely different to anything I had done before."

"I didn't just want it to be a list of bands that had played there. I wanted to do it in my own style and in my own way. But it was definitely worth all the work I put in."

One popular story told of the time when Mr Jukes took a call from a well spoken man who wanted his band to play at JB's. After refusing to increase the artist's pay from £150 to £200, no deal was struck. It turned out it was Freddie Mercury looking to book a slot for Queen.

"Another time Sam turned down a 'punk band with a female singer' that he didn't like, that called themselves Blondie," said

Geoff, but he added Blur played their first ever paid gig at the club for the princely sum of £50 each.

In 2000, the venue celebrated its 30th anniversary by hosting a two-day music festival at Dudley Castle featuring Terrorvision, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, and former Wonder Stuff frontman Miles Hunt.

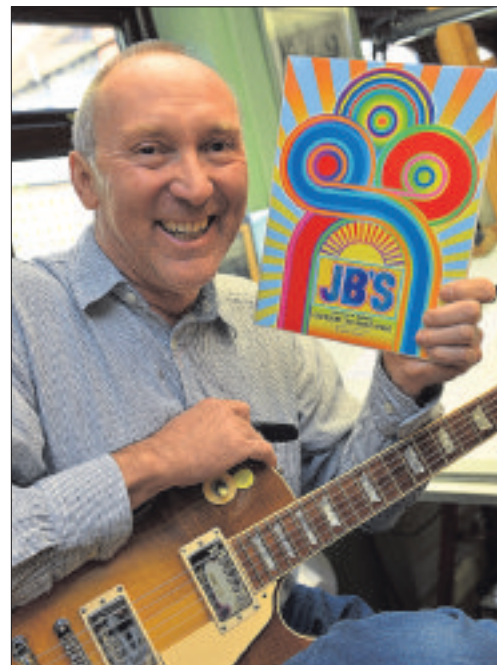
Geoff believes the move to Castle Hill, which increased the club's occupancy from 250 to 1,000, contributed to its downfall.

"When they moved to Castle Hill they could fit more people in but they were shelling out more money for performers and acts which they couldn't claw back in ticket prices."

After JB's closed in 2011, Mr Jukes, who lives in Tipton, began to suffer from poor health. But he said he was happy with the book.

"It was a huge part of my life, it has such a rich history and I think the book captures it very well."

The 180-page glossy book is available for £14.99 at [www.jbsbook.com](http://www.jbsbook.com), plus £3 postage and packing, and Stourbridge Music Centre, Lower High Street.



Author Geoff Tristram, of Wollaston, with his book on JB's

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## Fans' fund helps to maintain Yeltz

A MONTHLY fundraising drive to help a non-league football club has been launched. Halesowen Town FC, known as The Yeltz, launched the scheme to ensure their home stadium, The Grove in Old Hawne Lane, remains up to standard.

Thousands of pounds have been spent on the ground in recent months including updated floodlights, decorating and renovations to the pitch. The club won the Evo Stik Northern League First Division South last May.

The Friends of The Grove fundraising team has been set up to raise cash. Supporters pay in £10 per month to potentially channel hundreds of pounds back into club coffers. For details, visit [www.ht-fc.com](http://www.ht-fc.com), call 07905 956222 or email [friendsofthegrove@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsofthegrove@yahoo.co.uk)

# 500 fines since CCTV spy camera car was launched

**ALMOST 500 fines have been dished out since a CCTV 'camera car' hit Sandwell's streets to tackle illegal parking less than three months ago.**

The camera car was brought in as part of a crackdown on roads around the borough's 120 schools.

Since the start of October, it has been patrolling the streets capturing images of vehicles flouting the rules.

As well as nuisance parking around schools, it's been used to catch people illegally parking

or stopping at bus stops, along Red Routes, on pedestrian crossings and accompanying zig-zag lines.

A total of 484 fines of £70 have been given out to motorists since the campaign started, the council has revealed.

### Technology

Councillor Maria Crompton, cabinet member for highways and environment, said people had been fined for a number of reasons.

"There have been penalty charge notices served for parking on school zig-zags, bus stops,

red routes and pedestrian crossings," she said.

The car is fitted with CCTV camera equipment which uses automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology.

Council leader Darren Cooper said the scheme, which has cost around £45,000, was important to help reduce illegal parking and improve safety around schools.

It's hoped the presence of the camera car itself will be enough to deter many motorists from parking where they shouldn't.

The car was introduced into areas that have been hotspots for complaints.

## Soft top car turned over

A SOFT top car overturned leaving a man with five-inch cut to his forehead.

It happened on Manor Way, Halesowen, just before 5pm on Sunday (December 28) and led to part of the dual carriageway being closed.

A paramedic in a rapid response vehicle and two senior paramedic officers in rapid response vehicles attended along with an ambulance crew.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "The driver of the Mazda, a man in his forties, had managed to get out of the vehicle. His only visible injury was a five inch laceration to his forehead which was treated at the scene. As a precaution, he was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham."

## Super Marc-io's a big gamer



Marc Jones has built a giant working Nintendo controller based on the original he is holding

BEFORE the Xbox, the PlayStation or the Wii, all the rage with 1980s gamers was the Nintendo NES games console and Super Mario Bros was the cool game of choice.

Now Stourbridge video games fan Marc Jones, aged 36, has revived memories with what he believes is the UK's only large scale model of the console's controller.

The carpenter, of West Street, has designed and built a coffee table-sized replica — ten times bigger than the original controller — complete with operating buttons.

### Nephews

Mr Jones said he decided to build the working device, which can be used to play games on his TV, to keep his nephews Jack Robinson, aged seven, and Gregory Priest, 13, entertained while visiting his home.

"I had to research everything to work out

how to do the circuitry, measured every single measurement and timed it by ten and scaled everything up," Mr Jones said.

He built the table, measuring 18cms high, 1.24m in length and 54cms wide, using MDF and hardwood. The whole project took Nintendo fan Mr Jones, who has a 30-year-old NES console, two months to complete in the workshop at his home.

The former Ridgeway High School pupil now plans to build a large scale model of an Xbox 360 controller. He has also created coffee tables and other furniture in his workshop.

He added: "I just enjoy making things. I mean, it was particularly so the kids can do stuff when they come round. Normally, you can not get Greg off it when he comes round, so it is something to occupy them and also a challenge for me."

## Rotary back Blind Dave with donation

CHARITY campaigner Blind Dave Heeley has been honoured with a donation for his fundraising efforts during a fun run and road race.

Mr Heeley of West Bromwich, took part in 2014's Black Country Run in Halesowen. Race organisers, Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, presented Mr Heeley with a £500 cheque towards the latest charity event he is fronting.

He is part of the upcoming Tri Albion Challenge organised by The Albion Foundation.

The challenge consists of three stages, a 152-mile bike ride from Southampton to The Hawthorns, followed by a five day walk visiting all primary and secondary schools in Sandwell.

It culminates in the Marathon des Sables, a gruelling multi-stage adventure across the Sahara Desert where Blind Dave will be running the equivalent of five and a half marathons totalling 156 miles across six days.

## Legends of cricket

TEST Match Special commentators Geoffrey Boycott and Jonathan Agnew will be talking cricket in Birmingham next summer.

The 'An Evening with Boycott and Aggers' show will visit Symphony Hall on July 27.

The two ex-England Test players will be sharing their opinions on the Ashes series which will be under way by then and answering questions from the audience.

Edgbaston hosts the Third Test from July 29 to August 2.

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## Blast Off party was a one-off

THOUSANDS of music fans were reunited when Wolverhampton Civic hosted a one off Christmas get together of its legendary club night.

A sell out crowd attended the Blast Off reunion night, with a record breaking number of tickets sold for the club night, which went on until 3am on December 20.

An extra 600 tickets were released after the initial 1,900, priced at £6 each sold out in less than 48 hours.

Promoter Dave Travis was overwhelmed by the response to Saturday night.

He said: "One thousand tickets were sold overnight and we knew we would need to release more. We never had plans to host a reunion night. March really was the last one but then we decided a Christmas party would be really good."

# Fire service facing bigger cuts than were anticipated

**THE latest round of cuts to fire service budgets are worse than the service's bosses were expecting.**

But the chairman of West Midlands Fire Authority said they will still manage to deliver a balanced budget, despite being stripped of £400,000 more than they had expected to lose.

Councillor John Edwards said a recent recruitment drive to find 50 new firefighters would only replace those that had been lost through retirement. He explained: "We're certainly not growing as an organisation."

"We've lost £22 million of funding, 27 per cent of what we get from the Government, over the past four years."

Whitehall outlined the latest round of cuts to councils this week, saying that nationally they would be stripped of around 1.8 per cent of their 'spending power'.

However, Labour councillors in the Black Country say deprived areas have been hit the hardest, with Wolverhampton losing five per cent.

West Midlands Fire Authority will see its funding fall from £68m this year to £61.9m next, while Staffordshire Fire Authority will go from £19.9m to £18.2m.

Councillor Edwards said: "For the West Midlands that's around £400,000 less than we were told last year. It's a little worse but after £22m of cuts we will have to live with it."

He said the number of fire engines had been

reduced from 61 to 41, with the shortfall made up by smaller 'brigade response' vehicles.

"We cost people £1 a week. We think that's a very good rate for the emergency service we provide," he added.

The Local Government Association said the cut in central government grants amounted to 8.8 per cent, and warned town halls will be forced to consider cutting services as they slice an estimated £2.6 billion off their budgets for 2015/16.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy put the reduction in central grants at 14.6 per cent and said the actual reduction in average spending power was 6 per cent with some councils facing cuts in their budgets of almost 11 per cent.

## Canal bridges restoration work

A £500,000 project to repair and restore 13 historical cast iron bridges along stretches of canals in the Black Country has reached the half way stage.

The scheme is being carried out by the Canal & River Trust. The bridges, some of which are Grade II-listed, date back to the mid-19th century and are among the most iconic symbols of the Birmingham Canal Navigation in the West Midlands.

Built by Horseley Iron Works in Tipton, the bridges, with their characteristic 'webs of iron' and gothic style designs have over the years suffered from wear and tear and now need restoration.

Each of the bridges will have the old paint removed, the metalwork carefully repaired and then several coats of specialist paint applied. Once finished they should look like they would have done when they were first constructed more than 210 years ago.

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The 126 bus was travelling on the A456 Hagley Road in Birmingham heading towards Wolverhampton when the 80ft tree fell into the road and smashed through the roof at the front of the bus.

West Midlands Ambulance Service say no injuries were reported as a result of the incident, which left the driver in shock and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the bus.

The tree, which broke in two as it made contact with the bus, was set back off the road in the front garden of the Henbury Court retirement housing complex.

Hagley Road was closed between Norfolk Road and Westfield Road while emergency services attended the scene.

National Express spokesman Jack Kelly said: "There were a number of passengers on board. Thankfully it looks as though no one has been injured. The driver was shaken up and is getting support for shock."

## Research to start after Astle campaign

THE family of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle say research into brain injuries prompted by their campaign will start this month.

His daughter Dawn said the family were invited to a meeting where The FA revealed the next stage of project. They were told a small panel of experts will be formed during a meeting on January to help establish the research.

It will include Dr Willie Stewart who carried out a new examination of the former player's brain.

The 59-year-old's brain disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, was linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

Dawn said: "We are pleased to have reached this stage. The panel of experts will have a meeting in January and put everything in order."

"The actual research in terms of former footballers and dementia will start then."



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A lunar landing for singing star Jane McDonald as the Enchantress



Gary Wilmot as Dame Trott in Jack and the Beanstalk at Birmingham Hippodrome



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Blue star Duncan James as Jack Trott before revealing his buff torso and impressive set of tattoos

# Happy Jack and his six pack at a giant panto

Jack and the Beanstalk, Birmingham Hippodrome  
**FEE-FI-FO-FUM I smell a giant hit at Birmingham Hippodrome thanks to funnyman Matt Slack and a whole heap of eye-popping special effects.**

The trio of comics from last year's record-breaking Brum panto are back for more inspired silliness, that's Slack as Silly Billy, ventriloquist Paul Zerdin as Simple Simon and Gary Wilmot as Dame Trot as the rib-ticklers three in Jack and the Beanstalk.

Hunky Duncan James from pop group Blue makes for a dashing Jack, a view of his tats and six pack going down well with the mums, whilst Coronation Street villain Chris Gascoyne looks like he's a member of an 80s Goth band as the wicked giant's agent Fleshcreep. "Back on the boos" he quips as the audience respond in traditional panto manner to his villainy.

Jane McDonald as The Enchantress, perched on a crescent moon for

## PANTO REVIEW

by Leon Burakowski

her big entrance, looked like she was on a lunar mission as uncomfortable as Apollo 13. And her shaky start was confirmed by her loud cough during the first musical number. However, the Yorkshire singer was soon back on cruise control to deliver her ballads in fine diva style and showed her funny side in the delirious 12 Days of Christmas routine, in which Slack told her she was "his favourite in The Nolans".

Wilmot has made an excellent transition from West End song and dance man to dame and led a great routine featuring dancing farm animals, including a cow doing the moo-n walk.

Zerdin sent up his role as a ventriloquist (though not as well as ten-year-old Lucy who in the cute end-of-show kids' spot told him she could see his lips move) while Slack stole the show with his impressions, zingy one-liners and rubber-faced, slapstick buffoon-

ery, right from the moment he tried to impress Robyn Mellor's Princess Apricot with his moves to Shaggy's Mr Boomastic.

Hippodrome pantos are known for their spectacle and this one lived up to that with an impressive 3D scene in the giant's castle with skulls, spiders, bats and even snot flying towards the audience. Add to that a beanstalk that grows to the roof of the auditorium, a flying helicopter and a spectacular final appearance of the giant looming over the audience, and it's just a shame the chopping down the beanstalk scene couldn't have been better than Duncan James waving an axe at a bit of painted scenery.

There were plenty of jokes at the expense of Birmingham's neighbours including a warning that the Land of the Giants may contain monsters, ogres and yam-yams. More pop numbers could have been packed into the two-hour show but clap-along main song Happy summed up the audience feeling. Jack and the Beanstalk continues at the Hippodrome until February 1.



Back on the boos — Coronation Street bad boy Chris Gascoyne gets into his Goth gear as Fleshcreep

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**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **11.30 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day.** (R) **12.00 BBC News: Weather.** **12.10 Football Focus.** **1.00 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Escape to the Continent.** (R) **2.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.** Coverage of the opening day of the tournament. **4.30 Final Score.** **5.20 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.** **5.35 Celebrity Mastermind.**  
**6.05 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong hosts an FA Cup special, quizzing Gabby Logan, Robbie Savage, Mark Chapman, Phil Neville, Jermaine Jenas, Jacqui Oatley, Jason Mohammad and Trevor Sinclair.  
**7.00 Frank Sinatra: Our Way.** Alexander Armstrong and Rochelle Humes host this one-off special in which seven acts from across the UK perform their own renditions of songs made famous by Frank Sinatra. The lucky winner will get the chance to perform at a concert celebrating the centenary of Ol' Blue Eyes' birth later in the year – and choosing the best will be 12 music industry professionals, guided by the opinions of a celebrity panel including funnymen and performer Rufus Hound, singer Mica Paris and big-band musician Leo Green. The programme will also pay tribute to the singer's influence over the past seven decades, revealing why among his peers, he really was the "Chairman of the Board".  
**8.15 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.** Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants answer questions to try to win each other's dream prizes. Including the lottery draws, with Kate Garraway.  
**9.05 Casualty.** As 2015 approaches, Connie lets her personal life cloud her judgement and Zoe is saddened when alcoholic Molly is brought in, having been found unconscious in the park.  
**10.00 BBC News: Weather.**  
**10.15 Mrs Brown's Boys.** The second of two festive episodes. Agnes increases her home security after a spate of local burglaries. (R)  
**10.50 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.** National Lottery Update.  
**12.00 Film: Lesbian Vampire Killers.** (2009) **1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **1.25 BBC News.**

BBC2

**6.00 Animal Park.** (R) **6.30 Film: Hue and Cry.** (1947) **7.50 Film: The Titled Thunderbolt.** (1953) **9.10 Fred Dibnah's Building of Britain.** (R) **9.40 Fred Dibnah's Building of Britain.** (R) **10.10 British Isles: A Natural History.** (R) **11.00 FA Cup Revind: Third-Round Classics.** **12.00 The Great British Bake Off: Masterclass.** (R) **1.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking.** (R) **1.05 The World's Most Photographed.** (R) **1.35 Film: Viva Las Vegas.** (1964) Musical, starring Elvis Presley. **3.00 Big Dreams Small Spaces.** (R) **4.00 Restoring England's Heritage.** **4.30 Live Darts: BDO World Championships.** Further coverage of the opening day of the tournament. **5.30 Tigers About the House – What Happened Next.** (R)  
**6.30 Sacred Wonders of Britain.** Neil Oliver visits Bronze and Iron Age sites that were important to ancient Britons, examining a causeway built across fens near Peterborough and learning about druids on Anglesey. (R)  
**7.30 Dad's Army.** The vicar and the verger enlist in the Home Guard, but their over-enthusiastic man-management brings the wrath of Warden Hodges down upon the platoon. (R)  
**8.00 Rubens: An Extra Large Story.** Waldemar Januszczak examines the life and art of Flemish baroque artist Peter Paul Rubens, correcting the misconceptions that have arisen about him and re-evaluating his work.  
**9.00 Film: Albert Nobbs.** (2011) Premiere. A woman in 19th-century Ireland has lived in disguise as a man for 30 years, holding down a job as a butler at a Dublin hotel. She meets a married house painter whom she discovers is a fellow cross-dresser, and is inspired by her new friend's happy life to seek a wife of her own. Period drama, starring Glenn Close, Mia Wasikowska, Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Janet McTeer.  
**10.45 Charlie Brooker's 2014 Wipe.** A satirical look back at the events of the past 12 months, including the ice-bucket challenge craze and Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow's "conscious uncoupling". (R)  
**11.45 Darts: BDO World Championships.** Action from the opening day at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.  
**12.35 Darts Extra.** **2.35 This Is BBC Two.**

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**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats!** Super Show!  
**6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.05 Animals.** (R) **7.10 Animals.** (R) **7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.25 Sooty.** (R) **7.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **7.50 Hulk and the Agents of Smash.** **8.15 Horrid Henry.** (R) **8.30 Nerds & Monsters.** (R) **8.45 Nerds & Monsters.** (R) **9.00 Deadline Stories.** (R) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** **10.20 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.15 ITV News: Weather.** **11.25 Ejector Seat.** (R) **12.25 The 21st Question.** (R) **1.25 Film: Columbo: Lovely but Lethal.** (1973) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Martin Sheen. **2.55 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (R) **3.55 Tipping Point.** (R) **4.55 Big Star's Little Star.** (R) **5.55 Regional Programme: Weather.**  
**6.05 ITV News: Weather.**  
**6.20 Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang.** (2010) A woman is left running the family farm alone while her husband is fighting in the Second World War. The war-faded magical nanny is on hand to help her cope with her unruly children, their even more mischievous evacuated cousins, and her scheming brother-in-law, who wants the farm for himself. Fantasy comedy, with Emma Thompson, Maggie Gyllenhaal and the late Sam Kelly.  
**8.30 Take Me Out.** New series. A gamekeeper, a bus driver, a magician and a student set out to impress a line-up of single women and take one of them for a break in the sun. Paddy McGuinness hosts.  
**9.30 Film: The Hangover.** (2009) Premiere. Three men on a stag weekend in Las Vegas wake up after a night of heavy drinking and find they have not only misplaced the groom, but somehow gained a tiger and a baby. Unable to remember the details of the night before, they set about piecing the clues together in the hope of finding their missing friend. Comedy, starring Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis.  
**11.30 ITV News: Weather.**  
**11.45 Film: Dog Day Afternoon.** (1975) A hapless bank robber sees his simple heist turn into a hostage situation and a media circus. Sidney Lumet's fact-based drama, starring Al Pacino.  
**1.55 Jackpot247.** **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **3.10 The Nightyscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.10 Film: Arabian Adventure.** (1979) **7.55 The Morning Line.** **8.55 The King of Queens.** (R) **9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **10.25 Frasier.** (R) **10.55 Frasier.** (R) **11.25 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.** (R) **12.25 Gadget Man's Guide to Christmas.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** **4.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel.** (2009) Comedy, with Zachary Levi. **5.45 The Simpsons.** (R)  
**6.10 The Simpsons.** Bart plays a prank on Mrs Krabappel, but it backfires and results in her being fired – leaving him feeling so guilty that he resolves to do everything he can to get her reinstated. (R)  
**6.35 The Simpsons.** Marge campaigns against a violent sport that has captivated Springfield's male population, antagonising promoter Chet Englebrecht, who challenges her to a fight. (R)  
**7.00 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.30 Britain's Wildest Weather 2014.** Last year, the nation was hit by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and ferocious storms, as well as the chilliest August in more than two decades, but also enjoyed the hottest Halloween on record. This documentary presents eyewitness footage of an unpredictable 12 months, featuring rescues at sea, homes struck by lightning, an escape for 500 cows, and sea foam engulfing a bus. There's also a look at the science behind these wild weather events and why there may be worse to come. (R)  
**9.00 Film: Taken.** (2008) An American teenager travelling through Europe is abducted by a gang of sex traffickers. However, what the kidnappers do not realise is that the girl's father is a former CIA agent, who employs all his old skills as he searches for the criminals and tries to rescue his daughter. Thriller, starring Liam Neeson and Maggie Grace.  
**10.50 Bill Bailey Quaalpaddler.** Stand-up comedy from London's Hammersmith Apollo, accompanied by light-hearted musical numbers, from religious tubstep and German folk-metal to a reggae version of Downtown Abbey.  
**11.50 Film: The Godfather: Part III.** (1990) Crime drama sequel, starring Al Pacino.  
**2.55 Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.05 Hugh's 3 Good Things.** **5.15 Secret Escapes.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.25 Access.** (R) **10.30 Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **11.30 Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **12.30 Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **1.25 Film: McLintock!** (1963) Comedy Western, starring John Wayne. **3.55 Film: The Searchers.** (1956) John Ford's Western, starring John Wayne.  
**6.20 Film: Zulu.** (1964) An upper-class soldier and his fellow officer stationed at Rorke's Drift in 1879 discover they have been cut off after the destruction of the main British army column in the area. They must rally their small force of 140 men against the might of 4,000 Zulu warriors advancing on their position. Fact-based historical drama, starring Michael Caine, Stanley Baker, Jack Hawkins, Ulla Jacobsson, Nigel Green and Chief Buthelezi, with narration by Richard Burton.  
**8.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2014.** Countdown of the biggest showbusiness stories and scandals of the year, from Solange Knowles attacking brother-in-law Jay Z in a lift, to Cheryl Fernandez-Versini's whirlwind romance and marriage as well as her return to The X Factor. Plus, the ongoing antics of Justin Bieber, One Direction's alleged dalliances with drugs, Russell Brand's attempt to start a revolution, Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin's "conscious uncoupling" and Judy Murray's efforts on Strictly Come Dancing. The programme also has the inside track on the weddings of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, and George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin, and considers whether Kim Kardashian's bottom is set to take over the world. Featuring contributions by Len Goodman, Janice Dickinson, James Jordan, Sinitta, Kerry Katona, Ollie Locke, Jasmine Waltz and Suzanne Shaw. (R)  
**11.55 Access.**  
**12.00 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's Last Hours.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the cases of celebrities who died unexpectedly. (R) **4.00 House Doctor: A cottage in East Sussex.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.15 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00 FA Cup's 50 Greatest Moments 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Puss in Boots** (2011) **10.20 Russell Howard's Good News 10.50 Family Guy 1.50 FA Cup's 50 Greatest Moments 2.50 Russell Howard's Good News 3.20 Cuckoo Christmas Special 3.50 Close**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 8.00 Do We Really Need the Moon? 9.00 Wallander: The Dogs of Riga 10.55 Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle 11.55 An Evening with Sammy Davis Jr 12.55 Neil Sedaka: King of Song 1.55 Lost Land of the Volcano 2.55 Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle 3.55 Close**  
**ITV2**  
**12.15 The X Factor Class of 2014 1.15 The Cube: Celebrity Special 2.10 Film: Space Jam (1996) 3.55 Film: Johnny English (2003) 5.40 You've Been Framed! 7.45 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 9.30 Take Me Out – The Gossip 10.15 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) 12.25 Unseen Celebrity Juice Tit Bits 1.10 Two and a Half Men 1.35 Morn 2.20 Life's Funniest Moments**  
**ITV3**  
**1.00 Film: Gosford Park (2001) 3.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.55 Rosemary & Thyme 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.00 Lewis 12.05 A Is for Acid 1.55 Judge Judy 2.15 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping**  
**ITV4**  
**1.05 Film: The Sting (1973) 3.40 Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) 5.30 Storage Wars 6.00 Storage Wars Unlocked 7.00 Storage Wars 9.00 Film: Texas Killing Fields (2011) 11.10 Film: Total Recall (1990) 1.20 The Motorbike Show 2.10 Minder E4**  
**11.00 Troy 11.30 How I Met Your Mother 12.30 Film: The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) 2.25 Rude (ish) Tube 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 5.00 Film: The Golden Child (1986) 6.50 Rude (ish) Tube Shorts 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Role Models (2008) 11.05 Film: End of Days (1999) 1.30 The Inbetweeners 2.30 Rude Tube 3.25 Made in Chelsea: End of Season Party 4.20 Frozen at Christmas**  
**Film4**  
**11.00 Arriety (2010) 1.00 Coraline (2009) 3.05 Dragonball Evolution (2009) 4.45 New in Town (2009) 6.45 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) 9.00 Resident Evil (2002) 11.00 Lawless (2012) 1.15 10 Years (2011) 3.25 Close**

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Kate Humble

**Kate Humble – Into the Volcano (BBC2, 8pm)**  
Wildlife expert and TV presenter Kate Humble is brave if nothing else. Take this latest two-parter that she's fronting – in which she will be journeying right to the heart of one of the world's most active volcanoes. She and a team of geologists are on the island of Tanna, in the Vanuatu archipelago, studying Yasur, a volcano that erupts constantly, blowing out red-hot lava bombs and covering the area in thick black ash. Kate and the team are keen to decipher when another eruption can be expected, but to do this, they need to collect a lava bomb the minute it's thrown from the crater. In preparing for their mission, Kate explores the island and discovers how the volcano shapes the lives, traditions and beliefs of everyone who lives in its shadows.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 7.55 Match of the Day:** FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Flag It! **2.15** Songs of Praise. **2.50** FA Cup Final Score. **5.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.20** Match of the Day Live. Arsenal v Hull City (Kick-off 5.30pm). **7.30 Still Open All Hours.** Love is in the air in the corner shop as Granville continues his attempts to woo Mavis. Gastric needs yet more help with his love life and Leroy arouses jealousy. **8.00 Countryfile.** Adam Henderson presents a special edition focusing on rare-breed farm animals and the threats to their future. He is joined by his father Joe, a founder of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, who advises him on a potential addition to his farm – Longhorn cattle – and his daughter Ella helps train his Exmor ponies. Adam also looks back at memorable items from the Countryfile archive featuring rare breeds, including Ellie Harrison learning to plough with a shire horse. Matt Baker following Tamworth pigs from farm to fork and Adam himself finding out how technology can help guarantee the future of rare farm animals. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **9.00 Last Tango in Halifax.** Alan finally lets Della into his secret about Gary, but is saddened when she punishes Caroline for his mistake – and on her wedding of all days. Gillian is left humiliated at work by an unexpected visit from Robbie's other half Cheryl, who reveals she knows the pair are sleeping together. **10.00 BBC News:** Regional News. **10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.** Mark Chapman presents action from today's third-round matches, which saw the lower league sides aiming to cause an upset against those from the Premier League and Championship. **11.50 The Apprentice USA.** New series. Donald Trump kicks off another celebrity edition, with candidates including Gary Busey, Dionne Warwick, Meat Loaf and David Cassidy selling pizzas. **1.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** FA Cup Rewind: Third-Round Classics. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) **1.00** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the second day of the tournament. **4.45** Ski Sunday. **5.30** Coast. (R) **6.00 Tigers About the House – What Happened Next.** Part two of two. The Clarks see the harsh reality of poaching in Indonesia when they visit tigers that were caught in snares, prompting Giles to concoct an ambitious plan to save the injured big cats in the wild. Back in Australia, Spot and Stripe are days away from their first birthday and will no longer be classed as cubs, while Spot faces an operation that may end with him losing all vision. (R) **7.00 Top Gear Patagonia Special.** Part one of two. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take used sports cars on a gruelling trip to the world's southernmost city to stage a game of car football. (R) **8.00 Kate Humble – Into the Volcano.** Part one of two. Kate joins a team of geologists on a research expedition to the Vanuatu archipelago in the southern Pacific, and explores the volcano of Mount Yasur on Tanna. **9.00 Reinventing the Royals.** First of a two-part documentary in which Steve Hewlett tells the inside story of the relationship between the monarchy and the media during the past 20 years. **10.00 QI XL.** Extended edition. Jeremy Clarkson, Sandi Toksvig, Danny Baker and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's range of fiendish questions on the topics of luck and loss. **10.45 Racing Legends: Barry Sheene.** Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) pays tribute to the former motorcycle racing world champion, examining how he rose to the top of his sport and became a popular public figure. (R) **11.45 Darts: BDO World Championships.** Action from the second day at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green. **12.35** Darts Extra. **2.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.35** Holly City. (R) **4.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.45** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **9.00** Deadtime Stories. (R) **9.25** Film: Columbus: Agenda for Murder. (1990) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Britain's Best Bakery. (R) **12.25** Inside the National Trust. (R) **1.25** River Monsters. (R) **1.55** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.55** Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service. (1969) James Bond adventure, with George Lazenby. **6.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00 Diversity Live.** An entertainment special with the street-dance crew, featuring a range of spectacular new routines and appearances by special guests. Fresh from their UK arena tour, the Britain's Got Talent 2009 winners flex their creative muscles and demonstrate how all forms of dance, from ballet and jazz to tap, have inspired their career. They also look at the major influences that have helped them along the way, as the programme charts the group's journey to stardom. **8.00 Foyle's War.** New series. Michael Kitchen returns to the role of Christopher Foyle, senior intelligence officer for MI5, in the first of three films. Foyle is drawn into the world of corrupt Nazi businessmen when a university professor is found murdered in a London park. When it transpires the victim was working as a translator in Nuremberg, the detective realises there are powerful people trying to conceal secrets from the Second World War. Meanwhile, Sam (Honeyuckle魏薇) volunteers for a risky undercover job, despite being pregnant. Guest stars include John Mahoney (Frasier), Jaime Winstone (Mad Dogs) and Nigel Lindsay (Four Lions). **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** Film: Hot Fuzz. (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. **12.25** Premiership Rugby Union. **1.20** The Store. **2.55** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** Film: Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Georgia Groome. **3.50** Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid. (2010) Family comedy, starring Zachary Gordon. **5.40** Channel 4 News. **6.55** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. New series. Laura Hamilton advises former pub landlady Janice Gibson, who wants to swap her Newcastle lifestyle for a new start in the Mar Menor area of southern Spain. **7.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** Phil Spencer is on the Mersey, trying to sell two properties with dodgy decor and problem pooches. Ron hasn't been able to part with his one-bedroom family home after 18 months on the market, and it looks like his beloved pug Janice is to blame. On the Wirral, Phil has got his hands full with Sandy and her six dogs. **8.00 The Hotel.** Mark organises a record-breaking attempt to bake Britain's biggest scones, but Cavendish owner Vicky does not have much faith in head chef Gerry's ability to pull it off. **9.00 Walking the Nile.** New series. Levison Wood treks the length of the River Nile from source to sea, on a nine-month expedition taking him through jungles, savannahs, deserts, cities and war zones. **10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by Kathy Burke and David Baddiel. (R) **11.05 Rude Tube: Welcome to 2015.** Alex Zane explores the 100 most popular internet videos of the past 12 months in a special edition of the show, featuring the spider-dog prank. (R) **1.00** Film: Thirst. (2009) **3.15** The Guides. (R) **3.30** Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) **3.55** Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R) **4.30** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **5.25** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) **5.40** Small Animal Hospital. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Maddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Monkey Life. (R) **11.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **12.00** Film: Forever Young. (1992) Romantic sci-fi drama, with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. **1.55** Film: The Princess Bride. (1987) Comic fantasy adventure, starring Cary Elwes. **3.50** Film: Snow White. (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy, starring Kristin Kreuk. **5.35** Film: Bambi. (1942) Animated drama, with the voice of Bobby Stewart. **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.05** Film: Rush Hour. (1998) A Hong Kong detective is sent to Los Angeles to investigate a kidnapping, but the local authorities worry that his presence in America might spark an international incident, and assign a loud-mouthed and troublesome cop to keep an eye on him. However, the new partnership proves an explosive combination. Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Ken Leung, Tom Wilkinson and Chris Penn. Edited for language and violence. **9.00** Film: House at the End of the Street. (2011) Premiere. A teenager moves to a new area and discovers a nearby house was the site of a horrifying incident in which a girl murdered her parents before disappearing without trace. She befriends the killer's troubled brother, but starts to worry that he may be hiding a terrifying secret. Horror, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Max Thieriot. **10.55** Film: Final Destination. (2000) A teenager's premonition saves his friends from dying in a plane crash, but their narrow escape is only the prelude to a chain of tragedies. Horror, with Devon Sawa and Ali Larter. **12.50** SuperCasino. **3.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** FA Cup's 50 Greatest Moments **8.30** World's Craziest Fools **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** FA Cup's 50 Greatest Moments **12.30** Russell Howard's Good News **1.30** Life Is 4. **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Songs Musicals **8.00** Mark Lawson Talks to PD James **9.00** Hermitage Revealed **10.00** Film: A Royal Affair (2012) **12.10** Top of the Pops: 1980 – Big Hits **1.10** The Carpenters at the BBC **1.45** Songs Musicals **2.45** Hermitage Revealed **3.45** Close

**ITV2**  
**11.25** Take Me Out **12.25** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.10** Blue: The Hot Desk **1.25** Film: Richie Rich (1994) **3.20** Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.10** Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) **7.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Film: Knocked Up (2007) **11.35** Film: Saw II (2005) **1.30** Fake Reaction **2.10** Blue: The Hot Desk **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
**11.25** Wycliffe **12.40** Rosemary & Thyme **1.45** Film: Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) **3.35** Inspector Morse **5.55** Lewis **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** Northern Lights **11.00** Film: Larry Crowne (2011) **1.05** The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes **2.00** Countrywide **2.50** Judge Judy **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**  
**2.55** Storage Wars **6.10** Film: The Cimarón Kid (1952) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Troy (2004) **12.15** Film: This Is Spinal Tap (1984) **1.55** The Cycle Show **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping

**E4**  
**12.30** Melissa & Joey **1.30** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) **10.20** The Inbetweeners **11.30** Made in Chelsea: End of Season Party **12.30** Virtually Famous **1.25** Rules of Engagement **2.20** The 100 **3.00** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.30** Hollyoaks

**Film4**  
**11.00** A Ticket to Tomahawk (1950) **1.00** Leap Year (2010) **3.00** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **4.40** Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **6.55** Tower Heist (2011) **9.00** Battleship (2012) **11.35** Affie (1966) **1.50** Wrong Turn 2: Dead End (2007) **3.50** Close



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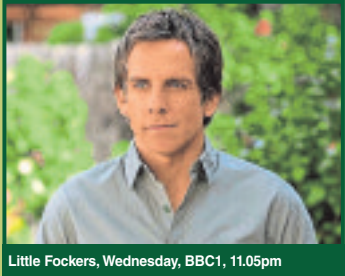
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**MONDAY**  
**Stolen Child, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A couple who have tried unsuccessfully to conceive resort to adopting a baby from Eastern Europe. However, their newfound happiness is shattered when they discover the disturbing series of events that brought the child into their lives. Drama, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier and Corbin Bernsen. (2012)

**TUESDAY**  
**Dinner for Schmucks, BBC1, 11.50pm**  
An ambitious executive hopes to win a mean-spirited contest held by his bosses to find the most ridiculous dinner-party guest for everyone to mock. He thinks he has found the perfect winning entry when he meets a dim-witted and socially awkward amateur taxidermist – but has to contend with pretending they are friends. Comedy, with Steve Carell and Paul Rudd. (2010)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Little Fockers, BBC1, 11.05pm**  
Nurse Greg is now the proud father of twins, but has yet to earn the respect of his wife's stern father after 10 years of marriage. The couple invite both sides of their extended family to the kids' birthday party, where Greg makes a desperate effort to finally prove his worth to his father-in-law. Comedy sequel, with Ben Stiller, Robert De Niro, Owen Wilson and Dustin Hoffman. (2010)



Little Fockers, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.05pm

**THURSDAY**  
**A Time to Remember, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A middle-aged single mother returns under a cloud to the family home for Thanksgiving, where she tries to heal the fractured relationship between herself and her estranged mother. However, any possible reconciliation is threatened by an unexpected and dramatic development. Drama, starring Dana Delany, Doris Roberts, Megan Gallagher, Louise Fletcher, Rosemary Forsyth, Robert Bauer, Erich Anderson, Amy Stell, Davenia McFadden and Michael Dean Jacobs. (2003)

**FRIDAY**  
**The Invention of Lying, ITV, 10.40pm**  
In a world where everyone always tells the truth, a failed documentary writer learns how to lie. Since no one else knows what deception is, his most ludicrous inventions are taken at face value, making him a huge success – and ultimately leading to him starting his own religion. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Jonah Hill, Louis CK, Jeffrey Tambor, Fionnula Flanagan, Rob Lowe and Tina Fey. (2009)

# Duo return to unravel another mysterious case

Prepare to be gripped to the TV again – yes, David Tennant and Olivia Coleman are back as Alec Hardy and Ellie Miller in the second series of the drama that kept the nation on the edge of its seats in March 2013.

Broadchurch made such a massive impact on its initial broadcast that it's hard to believe it's almost two years since it made its debut, and this sequel is one of the most eagerly awaited programmes of recent years.

The original run focused on the murder of 11-year-old Danny Latimer. For eight weeks, viewers attempted to guess whodunit, and were shocked when it was revealed – spoiler alert – that it was Ellie's husband Joe who was the culprit. We also cheered her on when she gave him a kicking after discovering the truth.

Both Ellie and Hardy were expected to leave the police force after solving the murder – she to perhaps start a new life with her sons elsewhere, and he due to ill health – but neither of them seems to have been able to leave the sleepy Dorset town.

Jodie Whittaker also returns as Danny's pregnant mum Beth, while Andrew Buchan, Arthur Darvill, Jonathan Bailey, Carolyn Pickles, Tanya Franks, Joe Sims, Simone McAullay, Adam Wilson and Charlotte Beaumont also reprise their roles.

But there are a few newcomers too, including Eve Myles, Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Meera Syal, James D'Arcy and Charlotte Rampling.

"The whole Broadchurch team has been delighted and properly gobsmacked by the response from ITV viewers," says writer Chris Chibnall. "When I first talked to Peter Fincham and Laura Mackie, ITV's Director of Drama about Broadchurch, I mentioned that if people liked it, there was another very different story we could tell afterwards. I'm really thrilled we're going to tell that story too."

"It's such a privilege to be able to work with Chris to bring the next chapter of Broadchurch to our screens," adds executive producer Jane Featherstone. "And although we're giving nothing away right now, I

can tell you it's going to keep on delivering surprises and scale."

For now, nobody is willing to say what the surprises are, or even what the story is about – we're all going to have to tune in to find out. However, there is a clue out there for anyone with the time and patience to look for it.

At the Harrogate Crime Writing Festival in July, Chibnall, Colman and Whittaker helped launch the Broadchurch novelisation alongside author Erin Kelly. She revealed that Chibnall had added a sentence close to her publication deadline that gave a hint of what the sequel would be about.

It's been announced that Rampling will play a character called Jocelyn who didn't appear in the first series – but her house is featured on a map of the town in the book, and she is also mentioned. Could she be the key to the story?

Maybe – fans are already discussing the theory on the internet, and it will certainly be interesting to find out if they're right.



Olivia Colman and David Tennant star in Broadchurch, Monday, ITV, 9pm

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Richard Wilson on the Road, ITV, 8pm**

New series. The One Foot in the Grave star tours the UK in a vintage 1960s car, but there's no sat-nav for him – he's using guidebooks first published in the 1930s. Beginning in the heart of the Derbyshire countryside, the actor learns about the Kinder Scout uprising that led to the freedom to roam the Derbyshire Dales.

**Rich, Russian and Living in London, BBC2, 9pm**

Documentary exploring the lives of wealthy Russians who have chosen to make London their home, looking at why they favoured the city and their obsessions with the English education system, polo and the monarchy. The film follows an art collector; and an entrepreneur who says he was chased out of Russia for his liberal views and growing bank balance, as well as revealing more about the life of a supermodel and two debutantes preparing for the glitz and glamour of the prestigious Russian ball.

**TUESDAY**  
**Silent Witness, BBC1, 9pm**

New series. Nikki and Jack are called to a petrol

station where three people have been shot dead, and conclude it is the work of a concealed shooter working from long range – a sniper is at large in London. They combine ballistics and wound pathology with the killer-profiling skills of senior investigator DCI Jane De Freitas, as they work to find this seemingly random murderer before panic hits the city. Continues tomorrow.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Celebrity Big Brother: Live Launch, Channel 5, 9pm**

New series. The fly-on-the-wall fun begins once more as Emma Willis invites a fresh group of famous faces to move in together and have their every word and move recorded for the enjoyment of the viewing public. This time round, the famous residents will be taking part in their own fairy tale, although with Big Brother in charge, it is unlikely they are going to live happily ever after. The newly designed house has whimsical elements conjuring up a magical atmosphere full of possibility – but there are also hints that something more sinister is lurking. It's to be hoped that

BB fans don't have anything else planned for the next three weeks.

**THURSDAY**  
**Death in Paradise, BBC1, 9pm**

Chances are you know the Death in Paradise format by now: a character is killed on the idyllic Caribbean island of Saint Marie; there's a host of eclectic associates who may have done the deed, and it's up to the likes of DI Humphrey Goodman (Kris Marshall), DS Camille Bordey (Sara Martins), and Officer Dwayne Myers (Danny John-Jules) to get to the bottom of the mystery.

The first victim of series four is plantation owner and businessman, Elias Thomson: he is brutally killed at his home during a group séance. The door to the room is firmly closed, so everyone at the scene is a suspect, but how did the killer go unseen when all participants – including Elias' kids, Daniel and Lucy – were holding hands throughout the séance?



Celebrity Big Brother: Live Launch, Wednesday, Channel, 5 9pm

**FRIDAY**  
**Xtreme Endurance Race to the Pole, Channel 5, 7pm**

New series. Former rugby union player Richard Parks takes on a series of endurance events in preparation for his ultimate goal of becoming the fastest-ever person to ski unassisted to the South Pole from the coast of Antarctica. Richard's first gruelling challenge takes him to Nepal to participate in the Yak Attack, a mountain-bike race during which he battles against blistering heat, extreme cold, near-fatal collisions, sheer drops and extreme altitude on a course that winds 400 kilometres across the Himalayas.

**The Musketeers, BBC1, 9pm**

King Louis is tired of his cosseted royal lifestyle and demands to see things the way his carefree subjects do. But what starts out as a night of fun quickly descends into terror when he and d'Artagnan are mistaken for real commoners and kidnapped by the notorious criminal Lemaitre, who plans to sell them to Spain as slaves. It's left to the remaining three Musketeers to rescue the king and their comrade – can they save them from mortal danger and return Louis to the palace in time for his son's christening? One person who seems grateful for the king's absence is Rochefort.

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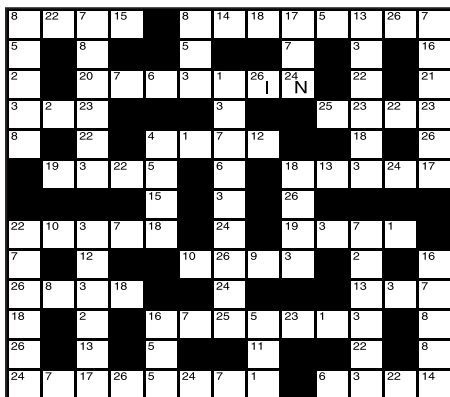
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

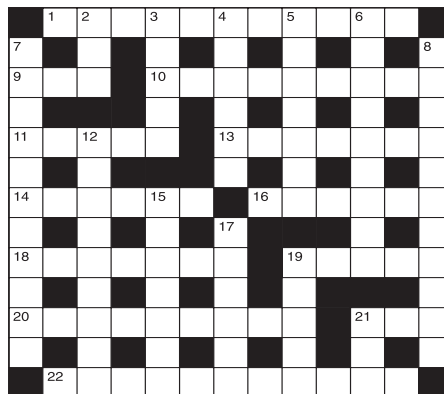
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Approve a human face (11)
- One gets nothing for it (3)
- Will it shoot itself? (9)
- General secretaries? (5)
- Fresh letters of support? (7)
- Yet his talk is far from uplifting (3-3)
- Specify how a token may be regarded? (6)
- A dancer on tour perhaps (7)
- It may be a nasty demonstration, though in play (5)
- Taking in and finding very interesting (9)
- Apt to have a sudden attack (3)
- Scottish family needs it made secret (11)

#### Down

- You have to do so (3)
- Gets close in linear size (5)
- Set out and consumed what was left? (6)
- A smile's unambitious outcome (7)
- Good barbers do it - only just in time (3,2,4)
- Immediately erect a road (11)
- The shooting of unknown persons? (11)
- Sacking one ship in dreary surroundings (9)
- Sold by chemists in Paris perhaps (7)
- Possibly aspire to commend (6)
- Seeing sense (5)
- Cool an ardent admirer (3)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Unwise (11)
- Pinch (3)
- Enchant (9)
- Upright (5)
- Chronicler (7)
- Suit of woollen cloth (6)
- Pious (6)
- Intrigue (7)
- Attack (5)
- Garment-making (9)
- Also (3)
- Powerful (11)

#### Down

- Doze (3)
- Unsuitable (5)
- Interior (6)
- Copy (7)
- Of one mind (9)
- Barrenness (11)
- Reinstatement (11)
- Height (9)
- Plunder (7)
- Complete (6)
- Should (5)
- Beverage (3)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pass; 3 Spyglass; 9 Learned; 10 Often; 11 Imprecations; 13 Turtle; 15 Aghast; 17 Rough diamond; 20 Crown; 21 Pension; 22 Disperse; 23 News. Down: 1 Palliate; 2 Sharp; 4 Pedlar; 5 Growing pains; 6 Antenna; 7 Sons; 8 Intelligence; 12 Students; 14 Riotous; 16 Adoptis; 18 Opine; 19 Acid. QUICK - Across: 1 Sobs; 3 Advocate; 9 Abscess; 10 Ensee; 11 Dispossessed; 13 Rarest; 15 Recess; 17 Improvidence; 20 Egret; 21 Ignored; 22 Fiendish; 23 Lend. Down: 1 Standard; 2 Basis; 4 Desist; 5 Overspending; 6 Austere; 7 Even; 8 Remonstrated; 12 Ascended; 14 Remorse; 16 Avoids; 18 Nurse; 19 Deaf.

## Quiz

- Which form of political corruption was named after US politician Elbridge Gerry?
- Who received an Oscar for his performance in Going My Way?
- In which country was Vivien Leigh born?
- What type of creature is the firefly?
- What did Hippolyte Mege-Mouries invent in 1889?
- In which ocean are the Mariana Islands?
- Which sci-fi author wrote the screenplay for 2001: A Space Odyssey?
- What is the kernel of the tree Myristica fragrans called?
- Which actor/dancer was born Frederick Austerlitz?
- Which vehicle is named from the Hindi for 'Lord of the World'?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Lager; 2 Plaice; 3 Constantinople;

4 St Christopher; 5 Daniel Day-Lewis; 6

Chopin; 7 Daisy; 8 Duchess Of Kent; 9

Taurus; 10 Hispaniola.

Niner: INCUBATOR

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

**97234** gives a bird,  
**818** gives a female animal,  
**365** gives a male animal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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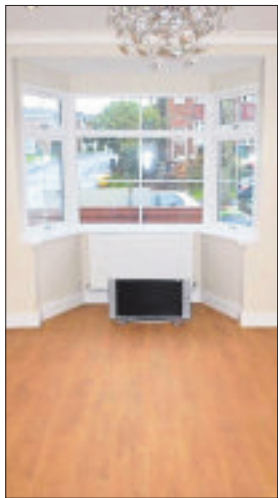


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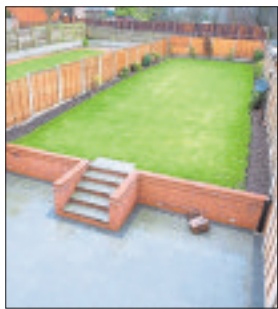


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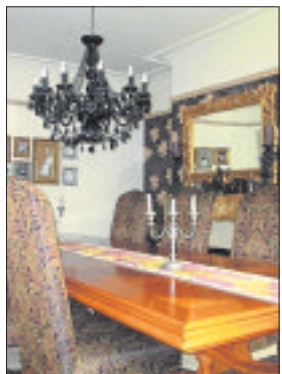


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**HALESOWEN, Somers Road £375 pcm + Fees**  
A 1 bedroom first floor apartment offering generous accommodation including: lounge with open plan kitchen, bedroom with en-suite shower room, double glazing, communal garden, on road parking, unfurnished. EPC: G



# Nothing better for off-road

By Graham Breeze

**The latest Toyota Land Cruiser is built of strong stuff and will do just about anything you ask – but there's a price to pay.**

The Land Cruiser is backed by over 60 years of all-wheel-drive engineering and lives up to its reputation for toughness and go-anywhere ability. But you get what you pay for and the model on test would cost a hefty £55,020.

The Invincible with a four cylinder diesel, three litre engine and full-time four wheel drive came with a five speed automatic gearbox and checked in at £52,960 but a safety pack and metallic paint pushed the price up another £2,000.

It's hard not to be impressed by the stur-

dy looks and impressive cabin though and if you've got that sort of disposable cash the Land Cruiser is a pretty good alternative in competitive sector.

You get the feeling that the Land Cruiser is happier off-road and it's probably not as agile as some of the competition on-road and is a nightmare to park on busy streets. It has a low ratio gearbox and lockable centre differential for improved traction.

But the test car was completely at home on the motorway and a pleasure to take on a long journey. There's a fair amount of lean in bends and the car does bounce around on rough surfaces though.

You need to be pretty mobile to even get in and out because there's a high driving position, which means visibility is great when behind the wheel. A superb rear-view camera is a real bonus for reversing into those tight spaces – you need all the help you can get.

It's a practical car too and is highly adaptable from one to seven seats. For example when seating four, the middle seat of the second row can be stowed to allow more elbow room.

The blind spot warning system is a real bonus with a monitoring system in place when you indicate to change lanes using radars in the door mirrors. If it senses a car a symbol flashes in the door mirror, changing to an audible warning if you get too close.

The Land Cruiser is a safe option with seven airbags, active front head restraints and cruise control. And you won't break in easily either with deadlocks, an alarm system and glass break sensors meaning the model is as secure as it gets.

You get hill-start control, downhill assist



**'A superb rear-view camera is a real bonus for reversing into those tight spaces – you need all the help you can get.'**

control, limited slip differential, 4-wheel active height control, crawl control, multi-terrain options and smart energy stop-start function.

There's dusk sensing headlights, rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rear-view mirror along with front and rear parking sensors.

Rear seat passengers aren't forgotten with an entertainment system, heated seats and individual climate controls.

Cheaper models in the range get climate

control, alloy wheels and Bluetooth but expect to pay a premium if you want leather, Sat-Nav or Bluetooth connectivity.

The test model had a top speed of 109mph and reached 62mph in 11 seconds. Fuel consumption reflects the size with 34.9mpg on the combined cycle and CO2 emissions are high at 213g/km.

The Land Cruiser would not be my first choice in this sector but if you need to use the vehicle to it's full off-road capacity you won't find anything better.



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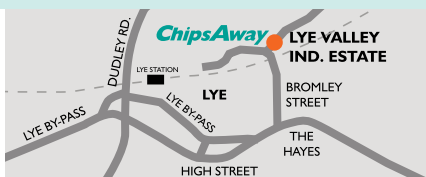
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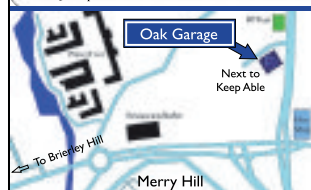
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# Goofy and wacky but the Adam works well

By David Banner

**The Vauxhall ADAM is undoubtedly one of the more interesting small car choices around. It's hugely customisable both inside and out and looks strong.**

There are two 1.4-litre engines with either 87PS or 100PS. We tried the lower powered of the two. Both are mated to a fivespeed manual gearbox which again makes motorway journeys less than ideal as they could benefit from a longer gear for better refinement and economy.

The engine is 'tried and tested' which means it's a little long in the tooth and needs working to get the best from it. Go with the 87PS unit and you'll see 62mph appear on the clocks in 12.5 seconds on the way to a top speed of 110mph. In comparison, the 100PS engine's numbers are 11.5s and 125mph.

The ADAM incorporates a 'floating' roof which is visually disconnected from the body and which works particularly well with two-tone colour schemes.

It looks like no other Vauxhall but still incorporates a bunch of existing styling cues such as the Astra's wing-shaped chrome grille bar and the blade shape in the lower doors.

Like MINI, Vauxhall is looking to appeal to the customer's sense of individuality in the sheer amount of colour combinations and materials. Wheels range from 16 inches in size for entry-level cars and there are 17-inch options further up the range.

Unlike many cars which offer striking exterior designs but an interior that betrays a sudden curtailment of development budget, the cabin of the ADAM is, if anything, even bolder than the exterior. There's extensive use of body-coloured trim inserts, not only on the dashboard but also reaching along the centre console and onto the steering wheel and these can give the interior a real riotous personality. You can even swap them out for a different colour or finish if you get bored.

A seven-inch touch screen interface is the big point of interest from a technological perspective. It's both iPhone and Android compatible and can access internet-downloaded apps.

Where specified, the navigation and infotainment controls are all marshalled by the touch screen. There's even a choice of headlining, including an LED-lit starlight roof trim.

The exterior colours include 'I'll be Black', 'Papa don't Peach', 'Purple Fiction', 'James Blonde', 'Saturday White Fever' and 'Buzz Lightgreen'.

## Trims

The ADAM has three trim levels, JAM (fashionable/colourful), GLAM (elegant/sophisticated) and SLAM (racy/sporty) and both 1.4-litre engines are available with all three trim levels.

JAM opens with air conditioning, a CD DAB radio with USB, AUX-in and Bluetooth, a leather trimmed steering wheel with deco elements, cruise control and infotainment control. Go for the GLAM and there's electronic climate control, front & rear LED lights, a fixed glazed sunroof and an exterior chrome pack. SLAM weighs in with 17-inch alloy wheels, Morrocana sports seats, and a two tone roof and darkened rear glass.

The latest generation ESP system is standard on all ADAMs and it also includes a Hill Start Assist function. That wonderful star-effect roof and a heated steering wheel are options that differentiate the Vauxhall from the run of the mill city car contenders and these surprise and delight features are key in a market that's not always led fully by upfront pricing.

Talking of which, prices for the 1.4-litre models open at just over £11,500 and top out at little over £14,000. What's more, the options prices have been kept very reasonable so should you really want to stamp your own impression on the car, it won't cost you the earth nor destroy the residual value of the car.

Unless, that is, you go for a distinctly questionable colour combination!

Right, pay attention here because things get a little more involved.

You remember I said there were two versions of the 1.4-litre engine. I lied. Only a little but there are in fact four. Each version of the 1.4-litre is available in either a standard guise or as an ecoFLEX version with Stop/Start. This clearly has the biggest impact on emissions.

Vauxhall reckons there are over a million different combinations of options – it's a car without parallel. Remember, there's something about coolness which involves taking yourself quite seriously and not everybody wants to do that with their car.

Sometimes it's fun to just be a bit goofy and not care and the ADAM fulfils that requirement perfectly with its wacky paint finishes, decals and interchangeable trim parts.



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## Teenager latest to sign for Brummies

TEENAGE hot-shot Alex Wilson is the latest new signing for Birmingham's return to racing next year. Wilson, aged 16, is highly rated by stand-in boss Phil Morris who is putting the Perry Barr side together for the club's new era which starts in March.

He was rider of the year for Sheffield's Tiger Cubs development side last season and now feels ready to make the step up to regular National League racing.

Said Morris: "He's a very level headed lad with a good family backing him and I'm again confident he will do a good job for the Brummies."

"I'm sure people will have questions about tracking three riders new to the National League but with my connections and benefit of knowledge built up working with the British youth set up I feel this trio of riders will more than hold their own against other NL teams."

Wilson joins Adam Ellis, Tom Perry, Zach Wajtknecht and Harvie Banks – son of former Hackney rider Trevor Banks – in the Perry Barr side for the new season.

"It's very important that the bottom end of the team is right," said Morris.

## Fans urged to snap up tickets

APPLICATION forms for season tickets have been sent out to supporters ahead of Birmingham's return to the tapes in 2015.

The club says any commercial interest in sponsorship or suggestions from fans will be very much welcomed.

Meanwhile, a form is being made available for supporters making new applications for season tickets. Supporters will be able to download the form online and return it via post to: Birmingham Speedway, PO Box 5267, Bedworth, Warwickshire, CV12 2BP.

The Brummies are returning to the track in search of title glory just months after their future was under serious threat.

# Geddes' golden goal goes global



Sean Geddes scores his "rabona" goal

A FACTORY worker from the Black Country became an internet sensation with a wonder goal seen by millions of football fans across the world.

Former Walsall and Stourbridge player Sean Geddes netted one of the goals of the season with his "rabona" effort against Barrow.

The 22-year-old from West Bromwich wrapped his right foot around the back of his left leg to chip the keeper from the edge of the penalty area.

Now at Worcester City, Geddes was also part of the longest penalty shoot-out in

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FA Cup history. He was on target both in the regulation time and from the spot, in the epic 14-13 second round defeat against League One Scunthorpe. He had previously struck in the shock first round defeat of former winners Coventry City.

Footage of the goal shown by Worcester City through Youtube had 5,000 views in the first 10 hours of going online, going global soon after.

Geddes works as a lathe turner at the

engineering firm A&M EDM in Smethwick which makes Formula One and aircraft parts. He said: "I couldn't believe it, it is mad how people have suddenly picked up on it," he said.

"I have got a friend in Norway and he said you are all over the TV."

Worcester City FC director Rich Widdowson added it had helped to put the club on the map and knew it would be a sensation.

"When you saw it you knew it was a great goal," he said. "We thought it was going to be seen global once it got out."

"It has been the talk of the club," he said.

# Kettle on the boil to earn points for Yeltz

**Halesowen Town 2 Skelmersdale United 0**  
**CENTRAL defender Joel Kettle struck twice within the first four minutes against league leaders Skelmersdale to maintain Halesowen's impressive run of form.**

Manager John Hill was delighted with another clean sheet as his confident squad passed another big test with flying colours.

"We learned from meeting Skelmersdale in our first game of the season and pressed them high up the pitch as planned and then protected our lead," he said.

Kettle rose to head Halesowen ahead with the first chance of the game in the second minute from an Aaron Griffiths corner.

Shell-shocked Skelmersdale's defence switched off again as the Yeltz soon doubled their lead after just four minutes when Kettle capitalised to slot home after Ben Haseley's initial shot was saved by goalkeeper Zac Hibbert.

### Curled

Valter Fernandes and Connor McCarthy both hit efforts wide for the visitors but the Yeltz kept up the work-rate to protect their lead with Haseley and Griffiths going close at the start of the second period.

Skelmersdale's Fernandes was sent off in the 69th minute for a second bookable offence. Kenny Strickland curled a 79th free-kick into the side netting for the 10 men and Halesowen substitute Neil MacKenzie wasted an 81st minute free-kick awarded in the opposition's penalty area. Skelmersdale's afternoon worsened

### Football

when Robert Bodie was also dismissed in the 86th minute for another foul on Griffiths.

**Whitby 1 Stourbridge 0**  
**STOURBRIDGE** returned from Yorkshire empty-handed after a stunning injury time strike from Steven Snaith earned Whitby Town a last-gasp victory.

Snaith curled an unstoppable shot into the top corner beyond Dean Coleman to condemn the Glassboys to their second successive defeat on the road and to give the home side their first win in six games.

The hosts shaded the first half and could have taken an early lead through James Brown who struck the woodwork, before Snaith fired narrowly wide.

The visitors also came close to breaking the deadlock but George Bowerman's goal-bound effort was cleared off the line.

With the game drifting towards a draw, Snaith let fly with a curling effort from the left edge of the box.

The defeat sees Gary Hackett's men slip to 10th in the Evo-Stik Premier Division table.

## Veteran shows there's still Hope – at age of 60



Lindsay Chilton, aged 60, player/manager of Hope Tavern FC with sons Jason, 26 and Lee Chilton, 29

THE Dudley & Cradley Heath League has changed a lot in the past 45 years and, remarkably, one man has witnessed it all.

Veteran left winger Lindsay Chilton is not only the manager, but also continues to turn out every Sunday for Hope Tavern in the Premier Division – at the ripe old age of 60!

"Football is my life – I can't give it up," said the part-time cleaner, of Netherton, Dudley. "My advice to

anyone looking to follow in my footsteps is to look after yourself and to carry on playing. I'm naturally fit because I watch what I eat and I don't drink or smoke."

"I have been with the Dudley & Cradley Heath League since the 1969-70 season, when I was 15 years old, back when there were nine divisions. We now have two divisions."

Lindsay, a Tottenham fan, has turned out for a number of teams

over the years but has remained loyal to his local league. Lindsay and his two sons, Lee and Jason, all scored in Tavern's recent 12-1 thrashing of Sedgley White Lions in the Ray Turley Memorial Trophy.

Now Chilton senior has set his side the task of winning all eight competitions they are vying for this season, having revealed that a few years ago he won all five competitions with Bush Athletic.

## Heathens skipper takes it to the Max

**TALENTED** teenager Max Clegg has moved from reserve to captain and No.1 of Cradley Heath Speedway in the space of two seasons.

The 17-year-old has been unveiled as the man to lead the Heathens into the defence of their National League title and a switch of home track to Perry Barr.

Clegg joins 16-year-old Nathan Greaves in the top two of the side – and both were in the reserve positions when they won the league in 2013.

Heathens boss Will Pottinger said: "It's what the club is all about, we have seen these two lads develop as league title winners and we now have our two reserves from 2013 as our top two riders."

"Max and Nathan are well liked by everyone and we are delighted to have them leading our challenge next season. I'm very satisfied with the way the team has come together."

Clegg joins Greaves and new signings Mike Neale, Ellis Perks and Luke Harris at the club and he says it's a major honour for him to be captain of the famous club.

"From the moment I first joined Cradley I've always wanted to be a No.1 for them," he said.

## Speedway teams are welcomed

THE 2015 British Speedway National League will have 10 clubs after new applicants Birmingham, Eastbourne and Rye House were welcomed at the league's AGM in Rugby.

Reigning champions Cradley Heath have been approved to defend their title after switching home meetings to Perry Barr.

**National League 2015:** Birmingham, Buxton, Cradley Heath, Coventry, Eastbourne, Kent, King's Lynn, Mildenhall, Rye House, Stoke; **National League knockout cup draw:** Round 1 Rye House v Stoke, King's Lynn v Mildenhall; Round 2 (starting in May): Kent v Coventry, Birmingham v Eastbourne, Rye House or Stoke v Cradley, King's Lynn or Mildenhall v Buxton; **National League Riders' Championship:** Rye House, September 2015; **National League Pairs:** King's Lynn, date tbc; **National League Fours:** Coventry, date tbc.



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## Bid for three on the trot is in vain

**Moseley Old Oak 19**  
**Stourbridge Lions 10**  
LIONS aimed to make it three in a row for the first time this season with a tough trip to third-placed Moseley Oak.

Enforced absences meant there was a debut for James St Aubyn at hooker and a first full game of the season for Sam Strangward.

The game started badly for the Lions with the experienced and heavy home pack driving to the line and then scoring out wide on the left through the full-back.

The Lions survived heavy pressure and the score remained at the end of the first half. Sam Wilson, who otherwise had a fine game, missed a penalty chance to reduce the arrears.

For the first half of the second period, Lions pressed without joy and the home side scored first, a somewhat controversial, unconverted, try.

Within five minutes, Lions were back in it. Oak's 10 was binned for pulling back a Lions player. Finally, from a scrum close to the Oaks line Meakin drove other for a deserved try, converted by Wilson.

The next score was from Oaks when the Lions lost focus and again the No 8 was left to power over from close in for a converted score and a 19-10 lead.

## Patched-up DK defeated

**Scunthorpe 51 DK 5**  
DEPLETED DK travelled to Scunthorpe with a team ravaged by injuries and illness, captain Ed Parry scraping together a squad of 18.

The home team opened their account after 12 minutes with an unconverted Ash Dibden try.

DK's resolute defence was breached in the 18th minute when full back Steve Johnson scored underneath the posts. He duly added the extra points and also converted a Tom Foster score.

Patched up DK carried on defending manfully before prop Jack Leaning went over and Johnson kicked over a penalty.

Si Fisher crossed for a try before DK's responded with an unconverted try from Edlyn Serge. But three further tries, two converted by Johnson, followed for the hosts.

## Deadly duo's absence a big blow to Wolves

THE African Cup of Nations will pose problems for many clubs in England's top two divisions next month – with Wolves among them.

Mali duo Bakary Sako and Nouha Dicko have been directly responsible for almost half of Wolves' league goals this season, so their possible absence will be a big blow to the Molineux men.

The return of the Dicko/Sako combination against Brighton just before Christmas was a stark reminder of just how below-par Wolves have been while the pair have been separated. While Wolves' late equaliser,

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when it finally arrived, came courtesy of skipper Danny Bath after Darren Bent's first-half header, it was Sako's endeavour and Dicko's threat that had worn the weary Seagulls down.

How Wolves have missed Dicko since the hamstring injury he picked up on international duty with Mali almost two months ago. Until the welcome victory at Sheffield Wednesday, Wanderers had failed to win a single game he had missed. Conversely,

when Dicko has played, Wolves have lost just twice in 14 matches and is the sort of player who gets the best out of those around him. Not least his buddy Sako.

Again, it cannot be by pure chance that the flying winger has suffered a slight dip in form without his compatriot alongside him.

He's not the only one to have struggled, of course, but Sako is the player Wolves look to as their match-winner and when he's off-colour so, generally, are Wanderers.

Boss Kenny Jackett said of the pair: "They do combine very well and one can spark off the other. When they are together

there is a good chemistry." But he admits his side will be tested by the African Cup of Nations, which starts in Morocco on January 17.

Jackett said: "Bakary is a player we are going to miss in January and there is the possibility of Nouha going as well – we know that.

"It's about making sure that along the front line we've got as many possibilities as we can have.

"The good thing is that the transfer window is opening during that period and we have the time to do something about it."

## Four are sent to sin bin

**Old Hales 14 Longton 8**  
HALES overcame four yellow cards at various stages of the game to record a much-needed victory – after the visitors had taken the lead.

The home side saw last minute changes with Nathan Jones crying off at scrum half, props Louis Padian and skipper Rich Taylor out of the front row through injury. Also flanker Jay Martin was out as was fly half Matt Williams, who was on holiday.

Longton made their advantage count after the temporary loss of Tom Dempsey, going 3-0 up with a penalty.

Carl Robinson was the next to go off, but Luke Smith did go over for a try, converted by Chris Hopper.

Hopper added another conversion to debutant Dave Wakefield's try before both Andy Robinson and Andy Holloway were sent from the field to leave Old Hales with 13 players.

With a few minutes left to play, Longton scored a well worked try to reduce the arrears. Hales meet second placed Nuneaton away on Saturday, January 3, kick off at 2pm.

## Hosts drop to foot of table

**Team Dudley 2 Wyrley 4**  
TEAM Dudley replaced Wyrley at the foot of West Midlands Division One.

James Hawthorne deflected past his own keeper to give Wyrley the lead and minutes later it was 2-0.

Mitch Blackham hit a second-half double, but Wyrley scored two in the last nine minutes to take the points.

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# UNDEFEATED RUN ENDS FOR YELTZ

Halesowen Town 0 Marine 2

**HALESOWEN suffered a first league defeat since October after Marine bagged a goal in each half.**

The determined visitors forced three early corners within the first four minutes with Karl Clair's effort cleared and it wasn't until 20 minutes that Halesowen threatened.

The Yeltz first effort at goal came when Ben Haseley shielded the ball from three defenders allowing Tom Tonks to balloon the ball over the bar.

Aaron Forde's long-range shot was then deflected wide of the goal and Elliott Turner headed over the Marine bar.

Marine then forced a 21st minute corner from Christian Langos's cross and a 24th minute cross from Stephen Wainwright was punched clear by Haydn Whitcombe, deputising for the injured Matt Sargeant. Aaron Forde's long range shot was deflected wide in the 27th minute and Elliott Turner headed Tonks' corner high two minutes later.

### Scoreboard

Marine grabbed the first place on the scoreboard in the 31st minute when Clair buried a low drive past goal-keeper Haydn Whitcombe after Sean Hessey cut the ball back in a neat move.

The visitors battled bravely to make sure they protected the lead to take advantage of what was a rare flat performance from the home side.

Not even a triple substitution after an hour changed Halesowen's fortunes al-

### Football

though on the 64th minute an effort from one of the substitutes, Aaron Daniels, was turned away for a corner.

Lloyd Ellams finished superbly for the visitors and secured all three points with Marine's second goal which came in the 73rd minute after Christian Langos dummied Stephen Wainwright's cross.

With their efforts the frustrated Yeltz forced three late corners with Forde driving wide but hard-working Marine easily held on to celebrate their first league win on the road.

**Halesowen Town:** Whitcombe; Green, Turner (Griffiths 61), Forde, Hull (c), Tilt, Kettle, Tonks, Thompson-Brown (Daniels 61), Haseley, MacKenzie (Bragoli 61).

**Unused Subs:** Charlton, Pearson (GK).

**Marine:** Cooper; Wainwright, Lea, Hessey, Bembo-Leta (c), Nicholas, Owens, Clair, Langos (Coddling 88), Ellams (Fearnough 90), Foley.

**Unused Subs:** Williams. **Referee:** John Roskelly **Attendance:** 363

## Halesowen pull one back to share the points



Keeper Matthew Sargeant retrieves the ball as Luke Benbow sinks to the ground after seeing his goal ruled out as offside. Picture Will Kilpatrick Photography

**Stourbridge 1 Halesowen Town 1**  
CURTIS Tilt converted goals at both ends as Stourbridge and Halesowen shared the points in a fabulously compelling, action-packed and eagerly-awaited local "No.9 Derby".

The match was played in front of a bumper Boxing Day crowd at the War Memorial Ground.

The game had plenty to entertain with an own goal, a wonder strike from the halfway line, a red card

and even snow. Stourbridge took the lead in the 11th minute when live-wire striker Luke Benbow beat Halesowen defender Aaron Griffiths to the bye-line and squared the ball across the face of goal where the unlucky Tilt turned the ball out of reach of his own sprawling goal-keeper Matt Sargeant and into his own net.

Stourbridge lost Chris Knight to injury just before the interval and

Halesowen's previously booked Christie was replaced by Robert Thompson-Brown for the second half.

The match turned on its head after 51 minutes when Stourbridge's Will Richards was sent off.

Benbow had a goal ruled offside. Halesowen finally secured an equaliser on 75 minutes when Tilt spotted Coleman off his line and fired home.



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